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States

Donaldson ranch killings: A teenage boy accused of killing his family on newsmen Sam Donaldson's ranch in New Mexico will be tried in children's court, a judge has ruled.

Cody Posey, 14, is charged with fatally shooting his stepfather, his stepmother and his father, who managed Donaldson's Chavez Canyon Ranch.

Posey's relatives say he suffered years of verbal and physical abuse. Posey told police he shot his family after his father slapped him for not cleaning horse stalls fast enough, according to an affidavit.

Nader ballot quest: The Arkansas Supreme Court on Friday granted independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader a place on Arkansas' ballot for the Nov. 2 general election.

Pennsylvania's state Commonwealth Court delayed a decision on Nader's request to place his name on that state's ballot to provide time to examine petition signatures.

Protesting nuns: Lawyers for three pacifist nuns sent to prison for causing minor damage at a missile silo told a Denver appeals court Friday the women should not have been convicted of sabotage because they did not impair national defense.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Murphy conceded the operation of the missile had not been disrupted but said soldiers had to be diverted from a training exercise to deal with the nuns.

Cross-burning trial: A man who burned a cross on a black family's lawn was sentenced Friday to more than three years in federal prison.

Christopher Easley, 22, of Anderson, Calif., had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate civil rights and interference with housing rights. Easley and a 16-year-old boy set the cross on fire last Jan. 2 to intimidate the occupants of the home, prosecutors said.

Shuttle flight postponed: The first shuttle flight since the Columbia tragedy has been pushed back by NASA because hurricane damage and implementation of new safety measures made a spring 2005 launch "no longer achievable."

March or April had been the tentative date selected by NASA's spaceflight council, which announced the delay Friday.

Church bombing: An Alabama appeals court Friday unanimously upheld ex-Ku



Israeli-Palestinian conflict: An Israeli soldier stands on his military vehicle at the Israeli army staging area on Saturday on the Gaza Strip border. Israeli troops killed seven Palestinian gunmen Saturday, as the military expanded one of its largest offensives against Palestinian militants in four years.

Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry's murder conviction and four life sentences for a 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls in Birmingham.

The Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals rejected Cherry's argument that the 37-year delay between the crime and his indictment in 2000 was unfair.

Military

Air Force Academy scandal: The first woman to oversee instruction at the Air Force Academy assumed her new duties Friday following confirmation by the Senate.

Brig. Gen. Dana H. Born, nominated by President Bush in July, succeeds Brig. Gen. David A. Wagie, who was criticized last year by a congressional panel for failing to recognize the academy's growing problem of sexual assault.

Business

Enron CFO resigns: The man who became Enron Corp.'s chief financial officer only a month after the energy giant declared bankruptcy has resigned.

Raymond M. Bowen, 44, submitted his resignation, effective Friday, "to pursue other professional opportunities," said Enron spokeswoman Jennifer Lowney.

World

Yugoslav war crimes trial: A prominent Belgrade journalist testified Friday at a landmark war crimes trial that he believed the 1991 massacre of nearly 200 Croat prisoners was not orchestrated by the former

Yugoslav army, as alleged, but instead was carried out by Serb volunteers.

Nigeria oil dispute: A militia leader who threatened to launch an offensive on Nigeria's vital oil industry made a triumphant return to his southern stronghold Saturday, a day after agreeing a tentative deal in the capital to disarm his fighters.

About 1,000 people turned out at the airport in the oil city of Port Harcourt to welcome Mujahid Dokubo-Asari, and hundreds more lined the roads into the city. As he stepped out of a government plane, his supporters lifted him on their shoulders and burst into song.

Yusuf Islam entry battle: Lawyers for the singer once known as Cat Stevens said Friday that they have asked American officials to remove his name from a "no fly" list.

The musician, now a peace activist named Yusuf Islam, was expelled from the United States last week after authorities diverted his London-to-Washington flight to Maine to remove him, saying he was suspected of ties to terrorism.

Afghan election: About 340,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan have signed up so far to vote in historic presidential elections in their homeland on Oct. 9, but only about a fifth of them are women, organizers said Saturday.

The International Organization for Migration said it was satisfied with the response, but urged conservative communities to encourage more women to take part in Afghanistan's first democratic election after two decades of war.

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U.S., Iraqi forces quash Samarra resistance

BY ZIDAN KHALAF
The Associated Press

SAMARRA, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi forces battled pockets of resistance in Samarra on Saturday, shaking the city with sporadic gunfire as U.S. and Iraqi commanders claimed success in their two-day-old offensive to regain control of the Sunni insurgent stronghold.

The U.S. commander whose troops spearheaded the attack said 125 insurgents were killed and 88 captured in fighting since Friday in what appeared to be the first major push to wrest a string of cities from guerrillas' hands before elections in January.

One American soldier also has been killed in the assault, in which 2,000 U.S. troops and 3,000 Iraqi soldiers swept into the city. Commanders said Saturday they controlled 70 percent of the city. Still, fighting continued.

Iraqi Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan claimed success, telling

the Arab television station Al-Arabiya: "It is over in Samarra."

Maj. Gen. John Batiste, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, said he was "very confident that the future of Samarra is good."

This is great news for the people of Samarra, 200,000 people who have been held captive, hostage if you will, by just a couple of hundred thugs." Speaking to CNN, Batiste praised the performance of Iraqi troops. Improving Iraqi forces — who have performed poorly in past large battles — is a key part of U.S. plans to fight the insurgency.

"The Iraqi security forces really handled themselves very well," Batiste said. "They're getting better and better trained, better and better equipped. It ought to give us a lot of confidence."

Meanwhile, in the latest in Iraq's string of kidnappings, militants claimed to have abducted and beheaded an Iraqi construction contractor working on a U.S. base.

Another group said it had kidnapped 10 hostages — six Iraqis, two Lebanese and two Indonesian women. It demanded the release of a hardline Indonesian cleric imprisoned in his home country, but the cleric — Abu Bakar Bashir — demanded the militants release the women and rejected any release as a result of kidnapping.

In other violence, car bombs in the cities of Fallujah and Mosul wounded at least three U.S. soldiers, and U.S. troops battled Shiite militants in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City in fighting that wounded another American. The military said Saturday that a U.S. soldier was killed the night before in Baghdad by small arms fire.

Saturday evening in Baghdad, two loud explosions went off near the Green Zone, the heavily fortified seat of the U.S. Embassy and key Iraqi government offices. There were no immediate details on the cause.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,055 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 801 died as a result of hostile action and 254 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 917 U.S. military members have died — 692 as a result of hostile action and 225 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier was killed Friday as military forces secured areas near Samarra, Iraq.

The latest identification reported by the Department of Defense:

■ Army Staff Sgt. Darren J. Cunningham, 40, Groton, Mass.; died Thursday in Baghdad when his unit came under mortar attack; assigned to the 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

GI keeps promise to Iraqi teen turned informant

BY ANGIE WAGNER
The Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — First Sgt. Daniel Hendrex was getting ready to leave the war when he went to see the Iraqi teenager one last time. He roused the boy from sleep and gave him his floppy camouflage hat and a promise.

Stay safe, Hendrex said. We will do what we can to get you out of here.

The 13-year-old clutched the hat and held out his arm. They hugged, teary-eyed. And then Hendrex was gone.

It had been four months since the skinny, street-smart Iraqi blurted out to American soldiers at a border checkpoint in Husaybah, Iraq, that he wanted to turn in an insurgent — his father.

The 100 Army soldiers of Fort Carson, Colo.-based Dragon Company, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, had seen informants before. Some were helpful, but many just wanted reward money.

Something was different about this one, though. He was willing to turn in his own father.

With that one decision, the teenager's life, so full of horror and abuse, would change forever, and so would the lives of the soldiers around him.

He became an informant, giving the soldiers the best information they had yet.

He ate with them, slept next to them, dressed like them.

They protected him like a brother.

And now they were leaving him.

He was known as Steve-O to the soldiers; the Army keeps his real name confidential to protect him. He grew up in Husaybah, a town of 100,000 near the Syrian border. The oldest of his three brothers and two sisters, Steve-O and his siblings lived with their parents in a small, dirt-floor house.

His father was once an army captain in the Republican Guard, the core of the Iraqi military. His father beat him, and Steve-O's body bears the scars.

Steve-O feared for his life and the loss of his brothers and sisters.

One day last December, Steve-O told his family he was going to Syria to find work. Instead, he walked to the border checkpoint, where Dragon Company was sta-



An Iraqi teen known as "Steve-O" shows off his muscles as he jokes with Spc. Jordan Schwartz at Fort Carson, Colo., on Friday. The Iraqi teenager became an informant for the Dragon Company in Iraq, turning in his own father.

tioned, and said he wanted to turn in his father. He told them he had information on a 40-man insurgency cell and knew where a weapons cache was.

But the soldiers were leery.

"My thought was, he very well could be setting us up for an ambush," said Capt. Chad Roehman, 29. "That's always one of the concerns — they're baiting us into something."

Steve-O started naming names, and some matched names on a wanted list the soldiers had. Maybe Steve-O was the real deal. Either way, they would find out during the raid that night.

Two tanks and two Humvees carrying about 20 soldiers headed out into the town.

Steve-O rode in a Humvee, wearing fatigues the Army lent him and a black ski mask so he wouldn't be recognized.

The teen was nervous. Briefly, he wondered about his father. When they arrived at Steve-O's house, his father and a Syrian man were there, along with Steve-O's mother and siblings. Both men were blindfolded and arrested.

The teen pointed to an empty lot next to his home, and the soldiers and Steve-O started digging. Rockets, grenades, a land mine and a weapons system were all there. "It was great intelligence," said Hendrex, 35. "What if it really did validate Steve-O's story," Steve-O was legit.

In late February, while on a mission near Steve-O's home, the teen wanted to

make sure his mother and siblings had left.

An uncle said Steve-O's mother had been shot in the stomach, killed by the same insurgent who threatened to kill the family. The children had made it to Fallujah. Steve-O tried to keep his emotions in check, but tears rolled down his face. Hendrex embraced the teen and cried with him.

By late March, Dragon Company was preparing to hand off the area to Marines. Hendrex and Roehman, now with another company, were already trying to figure out what to do with Steve-O. Hendrex hoped to bring him to the United States.

They contacted the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, inquiring about political asylum, humanitarian parole or relocation to another country, but Steve-O's options were running out.

Dragon Company was going home to Fort Carson, and he would have to stay behind. Hendrex told him: "We have to leave, but we will not forget you. I will try until the end of my days to get you out of here. Do not lose faith in us."

Hendrex gave Steve-O the note promising to get him out of Iraq, and his floppy hat with "Hendrex" stitched in the back, in English and Arabic. Keep it, he said, until we see each other again.

Hendrex didn't know if that would happen.

Months passed without any word.

Finally, Hendrex learned Steve-O would be granted a special parole to come to the United States for a medical evaluation and intelligence debriefing. Beyond that, the military is reviewing options. Just weeks ago, Hendrex got the call that he had waited for six months. He traveled to Frankfurt, Germany, and met Steve-O as he stepped off the plane, holding Hendrex's hat and the note.

The next night, before Steve-O went to the East Coast for his evaluation, the soldiers of Dragon Company gathered at the Colorado Springs Airport to welcome the Iraqi teenager who had done so much for them and had become part of their company.

He was 14 now, and had grown taller and more muscular. But here he was, in America, flashing that infectious smile.

The last member of Dragon Company was finally home.



Bennie Keel, regional archeologist for the National Park Service, sits on the steps that once led to the Fort Pickens museum building at the Gulf Islands National Seashore on Santa Rosa Island, Fla. The area was damaged by storms. The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society is collecting donations for victims of hurricanes in Florida.

Sailors asked to help Fla. hurricane victims

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

Sailors and their families are being encouraged to help shipmates victimized by Hurricane Ivan.

The American Red Cross and the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society are accepting cash donations to help sailors and Marines and around Pensacola, Fla., which took the brunt of the hurricane devastation.

The Sept. 16 storm packed 130 mph sustained winds and caused millions of dollars in damage to the Navy's aviation training hub, which is home to Naval Air Station Pensacola.

The hurricane left dozens of military families homeless.

"The idea of making a contribution is that that could easily be translated into whatever resources that are needed by those people those two agencies are helping," said Chaplain (Capt.) Loren Arthur, the Navy's surgeon general, encouraged sailors to make donations in a statement posted on the Navy Medicine Online Web site Sept. 27.

He wrote that his staff received phone calls and e-mails from people wanting to help those pummeled by Ivan.

The Navy hospital in Pensacola sustained about \$1 million in storm damage. Vice Adm. Donald Arthur, the Navy's surgeon general, encouraged sailors to make donations in a statement posted on the Navy Medicine Online Web site Sept. 27.

He wrote that his staff received phone calls and e-mails from people wanting to help those pummeled by Ivan.

The base is still picking up the pieces from Ivan. The Navy has temporarily suspended orders for transferring sailors scheduled to report to the Pensacola region between Sept. 14 and Oct. 31 because of the damage.

Many sailors and their families hit by the hurricane are starting from scratch.

They lost furniture, household appliances and beds.

The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society is paying travel ex-

penses for families who lost their homes and would like to temporarily live with relatives.

For those who would like to donate directly to the Navy and Marine Corps families, checks can be sent to: Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 4015 Wilson Blvd., 10th Floor, Arlington, Va. 22203. Write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo section of the check and 100 percent of the amount will go to sailors and Marines affected by the hurricane. You can donate to the American Red Cross by clicking on the Web site www.redcross.org/donate/donation-form.asp. The donations go to military and civilian people hurt by the storm.

USS Houston moving to Guam

Sub to relocate to new island home in December

Stars and Stripes

A third nuclear-powered submarine is set to make Guam home in December, Guam Naval Base officials confirmed Friday.

Lt. Arwen Consal, Guam Naval Base spokeswoman, said the USS Houston will arrive in mid-December. The Houston currently ports in Bremerton, Wash.

"Strategically, Guam's Central Pacific location offers significant savings in both time and distance for submarines," Consal said.

"Pacific Fleet submarine assets can be on station much quicker once stationed in Guam."

Already home-ported on the island are the USS San Francisco and USS City of Corpus Christi. Both, like the Houston, are Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines, designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships.

Adm. Arthur J. Johnson, Guam Naval Base commander, told Stars and Stripes in June that the Houston was expected to join Guam's Submarine Squadron 15 in December, bringing the number of submarine-force sailors on Guam to 1,550.

Each submarine brings about 150 sailors, with 200 to 300 family members, Consal said.

Johnson also said that the Navy

is studying whether to home-port up to three more submarines on Guam.

Consal said Friday that the Navy recently finished the study and forwarded it to the chief of naval operations. No decision has been made, she said.

Consal added that Guam still is a candidate, along with Hawaii, to receive a carrier battle group.

The Department of Defense and the U.S. Navy are continuing the analysis of the factors for which island will be better-suited for home-basing a carrier," she said.

Submarine Squadron 15 was reactivated as an attack submarine squadron on Guam in February 2001.

Koizumi: Japan looking for new locations for U.S. bases

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan is examining potential sites for new U.S. military bases to relocate American troops stationed on Okinawa, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Friday.

Under a mutual security pact, about 58,000 U.S. military personnel are stationed in Japan, two-thirds of them on Okinawa, about 1,000 miles southwest of Tokyo. Residents of Okinawa have long complained about noise from U.S. military aircraft and alleged crimes committed by American soldiers.

Last month, Koizumi raised the possibility of moving the U.S. military from Okinawa during a summit with President Bush in New York.

"The government will consider areas where the U.S. bases can be relocated, consult with local governments and make a proposal to the United States," Koizumi told a gathering of Japanese newspaper executives.

He did not specify which cities were being considered.

Despite the tensions on Okinawa, Tokyo remains a strong supporter of the U.S. military presence and pays roughly half of the annual \$8 billion cost of keeping it here.

Koizumi's remarks follow a U.S. military helicopter crash in August at an Okinawa university campus that injured three crew members.

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Size of N. Korea nuke arsenal debatable

BY PETER JAMES SPIELMANN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — North Korea may have only a single nuclear weapon, and there is no proof that the reclusive country has actually produced any, the head of the international consortium set up to replace North Korea's plutonium-producing reactors said.

Figures up to a half-dozen and sometimes more are circulated in discussions of North Korea's self-proclaimed program.

South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuk said in

April that North Korea could make eight bombs by reprocessing 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods.

On Thursday evening, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry criticized President Bush for not opening direct dialogue with North Korea on nuclear disarmament, saying: "Today, there are four to seven nuclear weapons in the hands of North Korea."

"When you get into this discussion about the numbers, it quickly sort of becomes people seeking facts," said Charles Kartmann, the executive director of the New York-based Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, known as KEDO.

"They feel comfortable with the numbers because they imply facts. These aren't facts. They're worst-case all sorts of stuff. There may be zero. The number of proven weapons is zero," Kartmann said.

Experts believed in the mid-1990s that North Korea might have reprocessed some plutonium from its Russian-supplied reactor complex at Yongbyon, because the International Atomic Energy Agency found traces of it in a chemical analysis of samples from the site.

"There is a maximum amount of plutonium that could have been

reprocessed, and if that is true, then depending on the state of North Korean technology, it would have been sufficient for one, or at most, two [weapons]," Kartmann said.

"Now when you get to the number two, you are really applying the worst case scenario. Everything has to run right," Kartmann said.

"You're not going to get too many possible scientists going along with the number two" from that time period in the mid-1990s.

KEDO was formed in 1995 to finance and build two light-water reactors, from which it is difficult

to extract weapons-grade plutonium, to replace North Korea's graphite-based reactor at Yongbyon. The executive board members of KEDO are representatives of the United States, South Korea, Japan, and the European Union.

The nuclear puzzle in the North became more complicated this week when North Korea Vice Foreign Minister Choe Su Hon told reporters at the United Nations that his country has turned the plutonium from 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods into nuclear weapons to serve as a deterrent against increasing U.S. nuclear threats and to prevent a nuclear war in northeast Asia.



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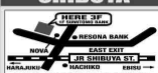
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Experts: Kerry win hinges on female vote

BY NANCY BENAC
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cynthia Moore — single mother, moderate Democrat — is the living embodiment of one of Sen. Joe Kerry's biggest challenges in the presidential race. There are things she doesn't like about President Bush, she says, but the president will get her vote on Nov. 2 because she thinks he'll do a better job of protecting her two daughters.

"Terrorism is something that scares me," says Moore, 34, of Watkins Glen, N.Y. "I like the security of knowing that if I was to get on a plane with my little girls, we would be a lot safer."

Kerry's strong performance in the first presidential debate did him no good with Moore — her mind made up, she didn't even watch.

Polling numbers show that Bush has made big strides among female voters in recent weeks. The

Pew Research Center showed Bush and Kerry running about even among women in a poll taken Sept. 22-26, compared with a 10-point advantage for Kerry in August.

Democracy Corps, a group led by Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg and strategist James Carville, said its survey of 1,318 likely voters who watched the debate showed that Kerry's favorable ratings rose by 15 points among college-educated women and 11 points among older women, two groups that moved away from him since the Republican convention.

All sides agree that Kerry's election prospects are doomed if he doesn't regain ground with female voters, who tend to make up their minds later than men.

"It's just simply this: In order for Kerry to win, he's got to carry women," says Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew center.

Democratic pollster Doug Schoen, not affiliated with any cam-

paign, sets the bar even higher: "If he doesn't win women by about 10 points, he will not be elected president."

Recent presidential elections have displayed a "gender gap" in which women, who make up about 52 percent of the electorate, lean more Democratic than do men. In 1996, President Clinton beat Bob Dole by 16 points among women and broke even among men as he easily won re-election. In the neck-and-neck 2000 vote, Al Gore had an 11-point advantage over Bush among female voters while men favored Bush by about the same margin.



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, his wife Teresa Heinz Kerry, left, and actress Uma Thurman take part in Redbook's Mothers & Shakers awards luncheon in New York in September.

Bin Laden capture tops 'October Surprise' lists

BY TOM RAUM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the presidential campaign's closing weeks, Democrats are bracing for an "October Surprise," an event so dramatic it could influence the election's outcome. The capture of Osama bin Laden, for instance.

It's part of American political lore: the party out of power worries about a last-minute surprise engineered by the party in power. Now that October has arrived and the election is just a month away, speculation is rife among Democrats that President Bush and political mastermind Karl Rove have some tricks up their sleeves.

"I assume that it will be something," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California. "We have to be ready for that."

Three years after Bush said he

wanted bin Laden "dead or alive," the capture of the fugitive al-Qaida leader tops nearly everyone's list as a supreme example of the kind of October surprise that could help seal Bush's re-election.

Some conspiracy buffs suggest bin Laden already has been captured or perhaps has been trapped by Pakistan in a cave, and will be produced just before the Nov. 2 election.

"I think it would be outrageous, frankly, but you know, there's those kind of rumors out there," former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told ABC.

Even if bin Laden remains elusive, the capture of a major terrorist leader — bin Laden deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri or Iraq's Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of a militant group that has claimed to have beheaded two American hostages — could provide an October boost for Bush.

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A forms safety net for homeless vets

BY SHERYL KORNMAN

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Under the sun hat and behind the bushy white beard is Navy vet Peter Hoard, wearing a Harley T-shirt and a real bear claw around his neck.

Hoard, 64, is a recovering alcoholic and former cocaine addict who got by for six years selling newspapers on the street while he lived in the desert, drunk and high.

Now he's an unofficial ambassador to the federal government's programs for homeless veterans in Tucson. He's one of 1,265 homeless vets in Tucson.

With the Iraq war sending Americans into combat, the number of homeless combat vets with a high incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder here is expected to grow, said Steven Cohen, a clinical social worker and director of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center's homeless rehabilitation program in Tucson.

Tucson has been pretty much on top of any funding available for homeless vets, Cohen said.

The number of homeless vets in Tucson is about the same as it was when Veterans Affairs began its rehab program in 1987 to help homeless vets get treatment for PTSD and substance abuse, Cohen said.

Cohen said the VA nationally is looking to Housing and Urban Development to get permanent housing for these vets. Currently, vets can get housing support for two years.

On the local level, community groups soon will begin working with the VA to get grant money and HUD funds to set up permanent housing for once-homeless vets, Cohen said.

Two days a week Hoard volunteers be-

hind the welcome desk in Building 66, the VA's outpost on Tucson's South Side for the rumpled and unwashed men who have no place to call home.

In the last three years, the number of contacts with homeless vets has increased almost threefold. Any vet can walk into Building 66 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and ask for help.

There are 81 beds available to house people who have committed to a treatment program. They can stay for a couple of years as long as they do what's required to get sober and stay there.

The social workers help vets enter addiction treatment programs, apply for disability payments and even get their warrants for alcohol-related offenses tossed out.

City Court sets aside one morning a month for a social worker who escorts a group of homeless vets to court to try to get some mercy from the system, Cohen said.

If they've completed a detox program and have their certificate to provide it, the judge can dismiss their case, he said.

"What's important here is there are people hiding under bridges, because they have warrants for open containers."

The ultimate goal is for the vets to reclaim their lives, Cohen said.

VA programs for homeless vets include outreach for severely mentally ill veterans. If they agree to get help, the program links them to services at the VA hospital and in the community, including psychiatric evaluations and medication, therapy and even housing.

The VA has its own medical outpatient clinics and inpatient detox services, which are also used by active-duty military personnel. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held in Building 66.



TUCSON CITIZEN/AP

The homeless program also contracts with residential care facilities and halfway houses to find shelter for homeless vets.

Each vet has his own life story and his own problems.

Hoard served in the Navy before Vietnam. He saw no combat at his posting in Newport, 17 miles from his home in Rhode Island. He was home for supper every night. After his military service, he was a bar owner. He drank nearly every day, then discovered the pleasures of cocaine.

He retired early and estimates he spent about \$100,000 of his retirement on drugs.

Hoard moved to Tucson to be closer to his brothers and sisters.

He was homeless and drunk, selling

daily newspapers on the streets and making just enough to get by.

Living in the desert was rough. He developed pneumonia and later, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Hoard went to the VA Medical Center for treatment of pneumonia and alcoholism. He got into a halfway house and then left. About six months later he returned to the VA program for help. It's been 2½ years since Hoard joined the program.

He's applying for disability payments and living in a group home with other vets.

Now Hoard talks to the walk-ins at Building 66 and tries to push them toward treatment. "It makes me feel good," he said. "I'm helping my brother and sisters. I'm giving something back that I got."

Clutter-filled space station a virtual orbiting pigpen

BY MARCIA DUNN

The Associated Press

CANAVERAL, Fla. — There's no space in the space station.

So a few weeks ago, the two astronauts who live there tossed out some useless junk. Only this stuff floated away in space.

And the throwing-away — done during a recent spacewalk — was done cautiously so that the discarded antenna covers and expired pump panel didn't become deadly boomerangs.

With no garbage pickup by shuttles for nearly two years, the international space station is looking more and more like a cluttered attic. "Room limited," is how the affable astronaut Mike Fincke describes it.

The problem is, shuttle deliveries and pickups won't resume until spring, and that's if NASA is lucky. A barrage of hurricanes and their devastating blow to NASA's launch site may well delay the next shuttle flight, by Discovery.

"It's at the point where we have to figure out a way to handle it. You can't just wish it away. The garbage man isn't coming tomorrow to take everything away for you," says astronaut Kenneth Bowersox, who was the space station's propper when shuttle Columbia went down.

Astronaut Michael Foale, another former space station commander, says even more important



NASA/AP

Astronaut Mike Fincke was surrounded by items jammed into the U.S. air lock on the International Space Station in August. The air lock, not used at present for staging space walks, doubles as a crowded closet.

than what Discovery brings on that first flight will be what it takes away.

"It's essential that when that first shuttle comes up, before they do anything, is they start to clear out the items that we need to deliver back to Earth on the shuttle," Foale says.

During Foale's six-month sta-

tion stay, which ended in April, the overcrowding slowed him down and began to affect his mood. "It's limiting our efficiency maybe by a percent or two, as we have to move some items out of the way when we get to a panel behind it," Foale says.

"But we are nowhere near as cluttered as I thought we were on

space station Mir," adds the former Mir resident.

NASA takes little comfort in the fact that the 6-year-old space station isn't as dingy or messy as Russia's Mir, which tumbled from the sky in 2001 after 15 years of operation. The whole point, from the very beginning, was to avoid a pigpen in orbit. Yet

here NASA is, on the verge of creating a mirror image of Mir.

"We're in a constrained situation right now," observes Susan Voss, manager of NASA's cargo integration office. "But it's still a safe situation."

The Russian Space Agency has been sending manned capsules and supply ships to the station. The cargo carriers have provided backup stores of precious oxygen that have come in handy during the repeated breakdowns of the station's main oxygen generator, a vexing problem that eventually could force an evacuation. But the Russian spacecraft can hold, at most, only a third of what the shuttle can carry and they are not exactly frequent fliers.

Little can be returned to Earth in the capsules besides the astronauts themselves, and the cargo ships are cut loose and incinerated in the atmosphere. So only trash goes into the carriers before undocking — empty food containers, dirty clothes, aluminum toilet cartridges full of solid waste.

During the Mir years, cosmonauts routinely dumped things harmlessly out of orbit, for instance, and the pump panel should plunge through the atmosphere in flames by year's end.



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And the MOBO winners are ...

Urban music star Jamella was crowned queen of the ninth annual MOBO Awards when she scooped three prizes. The 23-year-old won best single for "Thank You" and best video for "See It in a Boy's Eyes." She shared the U.K. act of the year award with rapper **Dizzee Rascal**.

The ceremony for MOBO, which stands for music of black origin, was at London's Royal Albert Hall. Supporters of two Jamaican reggae artists protested outside the venue because the artists had been dropped from MOBO's nomination list because of their songs' anti-gay lyrics.

Reggae stars **Elephant Man** and **Vybz Kartel** were removed from the shortlist following a protest by gay rights group **OutRage!** As stars including **Janet Jackson**, **Brandy** and **Lemar** arrived on the red carpet, they were booed by a group of about 30 protesters, who waved placards reading: "Defend reggae music" and "Enraged by OutRage!"

Inside the theater, Jackson presented the lifetime achievement award to **Anita Baker**, and was herself inducted into the MOBO Hall of Fame.

The award for best R&B act went to an absent **Usher**, best jazz act to **Jamie Cullum** and best world music act to **Bebel Gilberto**.

Comic show is a joke

Ralphie May says NBC's jokefest "Last Comic Standing" is a joke itself.

The plus-sized comedian, who finished second during the first season and was voted off season three's competition, says the talent contest hosted and produced by comedian **Jay Mohr** is just his prime.

"The whole show is a joke," he told the AP recently. "The viewership's gone down the hill, and the show has jumped the shark."

May performs stand-up that's a boisterous blend of hip-hop flavored, not politically correct humor. His career received a boost from his success on the show, including a USO tour, performing for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. But he doesn't think much of "Last Comic Standing" anymore.

Season three has featured comics from the first two seasons, and May says "the only one on there that's doing real comedy is **Allyson Boden**."

May says comedy isn't always about getting the laughs,



May

it's about pushing the boundaries and moving stand-up forward.

Kutcher to keep on punking

A warning to celebrities: You're not in the clear just yet. "Punk'd," hosted by **Ashton Kutcher**, will continue for three more seasons, says a spokesman.

Kutcher and company will film 24 new episodes of the hidden-camera prank show, the first of which will air sometime next year.

In the past, Kutcher has been secretive and contradictory about the future of "Punk'd," perhaps with the idea of keeping celebrities unsuspecting. In January, Kutcher told the AP, "Let's put it this way. I'm getting ready to start shooting two movies. I'm still working on 'That '70s Show.' I'm producing two other shows for MTV and creating a one-hour drama pilot for Fox ... I don't have the time."

Three months later, "Punk'd" returned to MTV for its third season.

Stories and photos from wire services



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6	AFN-P	•E!News Headline News	60 Minutes (CC)		Cold Case "Greed" In 1983, a wealthy stock broker is killed during an apparent carjacking (CC)		14 Day 3: 10:00PM - 11:00PM Chase is tortured and interrogated by the Salazaros about CUT's plans for the virus (CC)		Headline News	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)	
7	AFN-Alt	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Recess: All the Principal's Men (CC)	ChalkZone (CC)	DragonflyTV: New born animals.	Kim Possible "Buena Noise"
8	NEWS	Dateline NBC (CC)		Next on CNN		Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS	•14:30 PGA Golf			•SportsCenter		•WNBA Basketball	Teams to Be Announced				•L. Max
10	SPEC	The Simpsons A pro ball game for the Simpsons.	Everybody Loves Raymond	Weddings Gone Wild		Law & Order "Shangri-Lai" A love triangle is uncovered involving a student and two teachers. (CC)	American Chopper "NY Jets Bite The New York Jets get a custom chopper."	Friends Rachel's brother's pro and cons (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's dad and Kramer are partners. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's dad and Kramer are partners. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
11	AFN-Alt	Entertainment Tonight (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Lizzie McGuire	Taina	Smallville "Hourglass" (CC)	Boy Meets World	Boy Meets World	The Cosby Show	Home Improvement	Touched by an Angel "The Feather"	
12	AFN-MTV	(5:00 a.m.) "Walk Like a Man" (1987) Ray Charles, Peter Firth. An 1800s French dreyfus, torn between hetero and gay, PG-13 (CC)	•"Prisoner of Honor" (1991, Drama) Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Downey, Peter Firth. An 1800s French dreyfus, torn between hetero and gay, PG-13 (CC)	•"Total Instinct" (1993, Comedy) Amanda Adams, Sharon Stone, Kate Nelligan. Filmaker Carl Reiner's parody on the writers. PG-13 (CC)	•"Moulin Rouge" (2001, Musical) Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, John Lynch. PG-13 (CC)	•"Mosses on the Hudson" (1984, Comedy) Robin Williams, Mena Suvari, John Goodman, Cleavon Crump. A Russian circus musician defies and teams America's top circus acts. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)
24	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog Show and Tell (CC)	Dragon Train The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer The latest news to talk with pictures. (N)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer The latest news to talk with pictures. (N)	Antiques Roadshow "Chicago" Two trunks and a ringmaster's hat belonging to the Ringling brothers. (N)	History Detectives "Saxophone; Prisoner; Kappa School" (N)	Charlie Parker	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)	•"The Untouchables" (1960, Action) Charles Bronson, Robert Strauss, James Cagney. A crime-fighting team. PG-13 (CC)
25	SHOW	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)	•"The Surge" (2001, Documentary) Frank Tashay. Todd Loblin produces a high-school local player. NR (CC)
26	A&E	Confidential "Harvey" Tragedy 101: Tom Dornathium University professors are stabbed to death. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)	American Justice "Murder by Marriage" A dentist is accused of hitting her husband. (CC)
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29	TFC	(15) Tanging Ni	Misadventures of Ariel and M	(45) The Correspondents	Good Morning Kiko (In Tagalog)	(15) Kumitang Kibay	(40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan	(45) SDC Reload	(16) Sarah... Teen Princess	(40) Mlad in Heaven	(40) Mlad in Heaven	(40) Mlad in Heaven
30	CNN-I	•PGA King Weekend (CC)	CNN World News	•World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	•World Sport	CNN World News	•World Sport	•World Sport	•World Sport	•World Sport
31	GOLF	•PGA Golf Nationwide Tour - Mark Christner Charity Classic - Final Round from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.		•Golf Central		•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central
32	TLC	Clean Sweep "The Toy Factory" A couple's relationship is derailed by their child's toys. (CC)	In a Fix "Romantic Suspense" Marriage problems and justice. (CC)	Trauma "Unbreakable" Stabbing victim. (CC)	Body Work "A Family Affair" Doctors' families visit the office, comic calisthenics. (N)	What Not to Wear "David" Actor looks like a beach bum.	David "Unbreakable" Stabbing victim. (CC)	David "Unbreakable" Stabbing victim. (CC)	David "Unbreakable" Stabbing victim. (CC)	David "Unbreakable" Stabbing victim. (CC)	David "Unbreakable" Stabbing victim. (CC)	David "Unbreakable" Stabbing victim. (CC)
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Scouty-Do! All Star Lull-A-Lympics	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter	Valuing the small, calm, and entertaining world of crocodiles. (CC)	Most Extreme "Dads" Some animal lists.	Growing Up... "Rhino" Caregivers raise two orphaned rhinos. (N)	That's My Baby "Katina (Orca Whale) and Behnken (Walt Mustang)" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	That's My Baby "Katina (Orca Whale) and Behnken (Walt Mustang)" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	That's My Baby "Katina (Orca Whale) and Behnken (Walt Mustang)" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	That's My Baby "Katina (Orca Whale) and Behnken (Walt Mustang)" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	That's My Baby "Katina (Orca Whale) and Behnken (Walt Mustang)" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	That's My Baby "Katina (Orca Whale) and Behnken (Walt Mustang)" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	That's My Baby "Katina (Orca Whale) and Behnken (Walt Mustang)" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)
36	COM	Trimmer Happy TV	Rhino 911: Home-bred and security. (Part two of a two-part special.) (CC)	The Daily Show	•"Wayne's World 2" (1993, Comedy) Mike Myers, Dana Walker. Premier. A dead rock star tells Wayne to organize a band. (CC)	Gunther, Christopher	South Park Kids	Ultimate Crocodile "Orca" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	Blue Collar TV "Vacations" Vacationers with kids. (CC)	Rhino 911: DA probes sheriff's death. (CC)	The Daily Show	Tough Crowd (CC)
40	NGC-A	Mission Wild	Expert works to save the world. (CC)	Africa from the Ground Up	Prose Chronicles "Yingqi Quest" Part 1 of a two-part special. (CC)	The Last of the Dragons	Giant Pandas: The last leg up to get chubbier. (CC)	Ultimate Crocodile "Orca" Orca whale and a kid. (CC)	Blue Collar TV "Vacations" Vacationers with kids. (CC)	Rhino 911: DA probes sheriff's death. (CC)	The Daily Show	Tough Crowd (CC)
42	SPX	World's Wildest Police		CSI: Crime Scene "Boom" (CC)	Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "To Hallow and to Hold" (CC)	Renovate My Family "The team works to bring light and life to a California family. (N) (CC)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The Investigators "Daddy Dearest" Defense attorney on trial for his wife's death.	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice Dominick Dunne's daughter faces murder charges. (CC)	Just Shoot Me	That '70s Show
43	FOKE	"So So Sorry Into Morning" Nagie strikes the show when Nagie is killed in a car accident.	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)	Blind Date: Erika-preneur meets a woman misreads her date. (CC)
44	BET	•B&K: Bet's Top 10 Live Redman, Method Man, Busta Rhymes interview.	BET Countdown: R&B Kings	•"Soul Food" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Vanessa L. Williams, Vivica A. Fox, Nia Long. Domestic troubles and a white woman's fight. (CC)	The System A couple allegedly toyed with their victims' desires before being brutally murdered. (CC)	That '70s Show	Still Standing (CC)	Yes, Dear (CC)	Becker (CC)	Boston Public (CC)	Just Shoot Me	That '70s Show
46	COURT	NYPD Blue Sponzo and Sponzo: continue to investigate a cop's involvement in a murder case.	Cops A response to a topic homicide cops are familiar with. (CC)	Star Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me (CC)	That '70s Show	Still Standing (CC)	Yes, Dear (CC)	Becker (CC)	Boston Public (CC)	Just Shoot Me	That '70s Show
48	STR-UD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me (CC)	That '70s Show	Still Standing (CC)	Yes, Dear (CC)	Becker (CC)	Boston Public (CC)	Just Shoot Me	That '70s Show
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls Sophia goes for her last husband and her last love. (CC)	The Golden Girls Her last husband and her last love. (CC)	"Crimes of Passion: Nobility Lives Forever" (1997, Drama) Greg Evigan, Brenda Bakke, Alexandra Powers. A homicide detective becomes involved in a killing spree. (CC)	"Picture Perfect" (1997, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Judy Mohr, Kevin Bacon. A single gal pretends to be engaged to her brother's career. (CC)	"Found" (2004, Suspense) Joanna Cassidy, Greg Evigan, Taina Saunier. Premiere. Mystery surrounds the return of a kidnapping victim. (CC)	"Where Line Is It Anyway? Is it Anyway? Is it Anyway?" Let's see if it's a date. (CC)	"Where Line Is It Anyway? Is it Anyway? Is it Anyway?" Let's see if it's a date. (CC)	"Where Line Is It Anyway? Is it Anyway? Is it Anyway?" Let's see if it's a date. (CC)	"Where Line Is It Anyway? Is it Anyway? Is it Anyway?" Let's see if it's a date. (CC)	"Where Line Is It Anyway? Is it Anyway? Is it Anyway?" Let's see if it's a date. (CC)	"Where Line Is It Anyway? Is it Anyway? Is it Anyway?" Let's see if it's a date. (CC)
51	ABC-FM	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.	Full House Jesse and Julie make a great love story from a local model.
53	HIST	Youth of the Third Reich "Sacrifice" (CC)	Modern Masters "World War I Tech" Industrial Age technology and war. (CC)	UFO Files "Soviet UFO Secrets Revealed" Investigating UFO sightings in the former Soviet Union. (CC)	Deep Sea Detectives Two locomotives and up seven miles of the coast of New King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)	Investigating History The Curse of King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)	Investigating History The Curse of King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)	Investigating History The Curse of King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)	Investigating History The Curse of King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)	Investigating History The Curse of King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)	Investigating History The Curse of King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)	Investigating History The Curse of King Tut King Tut's curse. (CC)
58	STR-MV	(5:45) •"Strictly Sinatra" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Ian Hart, Kelly Macdonald, Ann Armstrong. A Glasgow crooner gets a career boost from a local model.	(25) •"Star Saving Mad" (1978, Suspense) Russell Paul, Marc Sorensen. An unemployed garbageman goes on a killing spree. (CC)	Chasing Time "Burning Alive" La Prade during tornado season. (CC)	Storm Chasers Daring filmmakers track storms sweeping across the Great Plains during tornado season. (CC)	Himalayan Encounters	•Surfer's Journal "Chasing Time" "Burning Alive" La Prade during tornado season. (CC)	Storm Chasers Daring filmmakers track storms sweeping across the Great Plains during tornado season. (CC)	Storm Chasers Daring filmmakers track storms sweeping across the Great Plains during tornado season. (CC)	Storm Chasers Daring filmmakers track storms sweeping across the Great Plains during tornado season. (CC)	Storm Chasers Daring filmmakers track storms sweeping across the Great Plains during tornado season. (CC)	Storm Chasers Daring filmmakers track storms sweeping across the Great Plains during tornado season. (CC)
59	MTV	Danny Keating "Home" Katie Holmes (N)	MTV Cries	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.	Pimp My Ride Honda Civic.
60	NICK	Justice "Rugrats/SpongeBob" (CC)	Justice "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)	Justice "Cats" (CC)

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Afternoon
1:30 U.S. Movie (1999): The Deep End of the Ocean (20/12)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 News (1)
10:00 News (1)
10:00 Nikita (42)
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1:10 World Golf Championships: AMEX Championship (1)
1:25 MLB Highlights (6)
1:29 U.S. Movie (2001): The Tailor of Panama (2:08)(4)
2:52 Classical Music (1)(r)

Morning
6:00 World News

8:00 World News
9:00 World News
11:00 World Cabs
Afternoon
12:00 CNN News
12:20 What's On Asia (r)
1:00 World News
2:00 ABC News
3:00 CNN News
4:00 World News
5:00 CNN News
Evening
7:00 NFL: Cincinnati Bengals
Steelers
9:00 Exciting Sports
9:30 World Sports Highlights
10:00 MLB Highlights
11:00 BS News
11:30 Economic News
12:16 Midnight Sports
2:05 Asian News
3:20 World Amazing Sports
3:50 ABC News

4:40 Asian News
5:00 World News

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Jose Maria Gallardo & Kaori Muraji (guitar)

Afternoon
3:00 Swedish Movie (1936): Intermezzo (1:30)

Evening
7:00 NHK News
10:00 TV Series: ER IX
12:30 French Movie (1963): Melodie en Sous-sol (2:05)

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Morning
7:30 Oswald #19
9:40 U.S.-British-Italian Movie (1990): The
Sheltering Sky (2-20)

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TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
U.S. Movie (2002): Equilibrium (1:57)
U.S. Movie (2002): Far from Heaven (1:50)
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Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
U.S. Movie (2002): John Q. (2:00)
U.S. Movie (1996): Chain Reaction (1:52)
Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
U.S. Movie (2001): Tape (1:30)
U.S.-Canadian Movie (2003): Peacemakers (1:25)
U.S. Movie (2002): Tuck Everlasting

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Waking Up

7:00 M Size Guest F
8:00 Top Choice

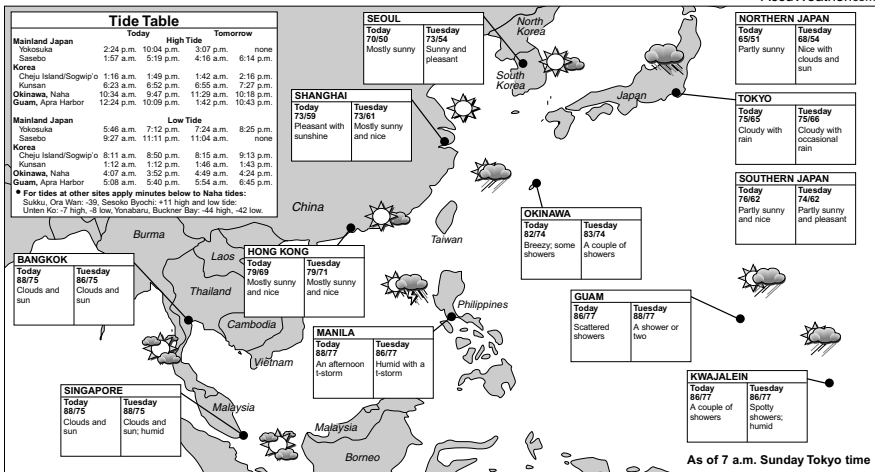
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Afternoon
12:00 Rocks
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2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
3:30 Top Choice Selection: Rock
5:00 Top Choice
Evening
6:00 M Size Fresh Monday
7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry
9:00 Top Choice
9:30 M Size All Request
10:00
11:00 Backstreet Pass: Good Charlotte
11:30 Live: The Music
12:00 Classic 90s
1:00 M Size Fresh Monday
2:00 M Size All Request
2:30 Check the Rhythm
3:00 After Hour

JAPAN TV-BS7

3:20 World Amazing Sports
3:50 ABC News

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 78, low 64.
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 74, low 62.

KADENA
Wednesday: Showers, high 84, low 73.
Thursday: Rain, high 83, low 74.

SEKOU
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 75, low 54.
Thursday: Showers, high 73, low 49.

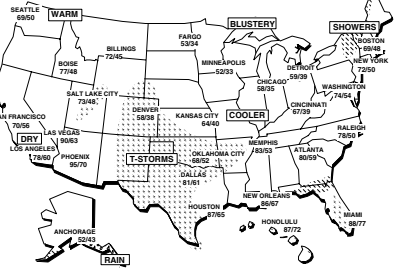
MANILA
Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 77.
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HAGATNA
Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 77.
Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 78.

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	71/50	Los Angeles	79/58
Amarillo	68/47	Little Rock	76/49
Anchorage	45/41	Louisville	69/45
Ashville	77/53	Miami	88/77
Baltimore	74/54	Milwaukee	57/40
Birmingham	91/61	Nashville	77/50
Bismarck	70/35	New York	73/54
Boise	79/51	Omaha	64/43
Boston	68/54	Orlando	91/69
Brownsville	92/72	Philadelphia	74/54
Buffalo	67/42	Phoenix	95/70
Burlington	67/43	Pittsburgh	70/40
Charleston, SC	86/68	Portland, OR	81/50
Charlotte	81/60	Portland, ME	63/49
Chicago	66/42	Salt Lake City	75/49
Columbus, OH	68/43	St. Louis	62/43
Duluth	55/38	San Antonio	77/65
El Paso	74/56	San Diego	73/62
Hartford	69/45	San Juan	90/76
Helena	69/38	Tampa	92/73
Indianapolis	66/40	Tulsa	72/47
Jacksonville	86/69	Washington	76/56
Kansas City	64/44	Wichita	69/46

Monday, October 4



U.S. Extended Forecast

A weak cold front crossing the Great Lakes Monday will bring much cooler weather to the northern lakes. A stray shower will develop ahead of the front across western New York. Showers and thunderstorms will also develop in the southern Plains and portions of the southern Rockies. High pressure will deliver plenty of sunshine to the northern Plains, Midwest and Tennessee Valley. Tuesday, high pressure will build across the Northeast with plenty of sunshine from New England to the lower Mississippi Valley. A couple of showers and thunderstorms will once again cross the southern Plains and southern Rockies. A shower or thunderstorm is also possible across Florida. A storm system will push a few showers into the Pacific Northwest.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/75	Iwakuni	75/60
Beijing	72/54	Kadena AB	82/74
Camp Casey	68/50	Kunsan AB	69/52
Christchurch	51/39	Kwajalein	86/77
Diego Garcia	84/75	Manila	88/77
Hagatna	86/69	Misawa AB	65/50
Hanoi	82/66	Osan	72/47
Hong Kong	79/69	Perth	77/61
Honolulu	87/72	Pusan	72/55

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	83/74	Buenos Aires	75/54	Kiev	51/36
Athens	71/57	Cairo	90/62	Kuwait	103/73
Auckland	62/51	Cancun	91/79	London	61/45
Baghdad	103/67	Cape Town	84/43	Madrid	84/64
Barbados	91/74	Geneva	71/58	Mexico City	75/51
Barcelona	76/63	Istanbul	66/52	Montreal	61/41
Berlin	66/50	Jerusalem	84/59	Moscow	87/72
Bermuda	81/70	Johannesburg	85/61	Warsaw	61/44
Brussels	66/47				



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Aid easy when troops on site

I just want all to remember that we
should all be students of history before we
begin to realign forces and pull bases
overseas. An isolationist attitude in closing
back behind the walls of "Fortress Ameri-
ca" is not the way. Nevermind the wasted
resources over the years of building up
bases just to close them down (we are still
improving bases now in danger of closure)
and the active-duty troops that were elimi-
nated in the Cold War drawdown that we
could use today in our struggle. Think,
however, that whenever America tries to
shrink back on itself, the results are disas-
trous.

U.S. troops were in Europe after World
War I but were brought home in conjunc-
tion with the isolationists' refusal to partici-
pate in the League of Nations.

American troops could have prevented
the Nazi nightmare as our leadership in
the League could have prevented the inter-
national tragedies of the 1920s and '30s.

Nevermind that the U.S. troops in Russia
after WWI could have prevented the Cold
War entirely if that could have effectively
aided the "Whites" over the Reds. The
practice has been repeated with the U.S.
pullout of South Korea after World War II
(only to return for the Korean War); leav-
ing Iraq after the first Gulf War; abandon-
ing our Afghan allies after the Russians
left (the rise of the Taliban); closing down
bases in the Philippines (now we're back
again with Special Forces to hunt Muslim
terrorists).

That we never stationed forces in the
Middle East with the permission of our
ally the shah of Iran (Mohammad Reza
Pahlavi) can now be seen as stupidity — it
would have prevented the Iranian Revolu-
tion and our 444 days of shame.

In closing, think very closely about alienat-
ing our allies and jumping ship from for-
eign bases. The stakes are too high to build
a wall around ourselves.

Warrior Gerald F. Kurc
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Twinkies could soon bite the dust

BY KEVIN COWHERD

The Baltimore Sun

This is how great civilizations crumble,
when a way of life erodes bit by bit and the
citizens stand by and do nothing.

Look what's happening with Twinkies.
Maybe you heard that Interstate Bakeries
Corp., the nation's largest wholesale
baker and maker of Hostess Twinkies and
Wonder bread, just filed for bankruptcy
protection.

The company will now try to make a go
of it with \$200 million in bank loans and a
corporate turnaround specialist at the
helm.

But if the turnaround doesn't work, it's
sayonara for Twinkies.

If the company goes down, it's the end of
an American icon: the little golden sponge
cakes with cream filling that have nour-
ished sugar junkies for nearly 75 years.

And if Twinkies bite the dust, those
faint will it be? Well, I'll tell you those
faint it'll be, Mr. and Ms. Consumer.

T'll be your fault.

Your fault because you just flat-out
stopped buying Twinkies years ago.

You started listening to the Health Ge-
stapo and it did something to your head,
and you've never been the same since.

Maybe you bought into this whole
low-carb madness, where a meal of steak,
bacon and eggs was suddenly good for you
while a fluffy lump of enriched wheat
flour shuff full of sugar, corn syrup, vegeta-
ble shortening, dextrose, etc., was sudden-
ly evil.

Or maybe you were watching your satu-
rated-fat intake or your sugar intake or
your cholesterol, or whatever.

It was always something with you,
wasn't it? Oh, you were going to live fore-
ver.

Your body was a temple, your second
home was in the gym, you swore off caf-
feine, you were running 81 miles through
the hills every night and blah, blah, blah.

Twinkies were the tool of the devil, and
you reminded everyone of this as you sat
there smugly eating your granola bars.

Why, you wouldn't even let your kids eat
Twinkies.

When the little monsters wanted a
snack, you gave them raisins and apple
slices, instead of the rich gooey jolt to the
nervous system they craved.

In the supermarket, you hustled the kids
past the Twinkies aisle like it was porn.

"No, forget it, we're not buying that
stuff," you'd say in that superior tone as
you scooped up a package of dried apricots —
Mmm, yummy — and tossed it in the
cart.

Oh, yeah, if this whole restructuring
deal goes down badly, you'll have only
yourself to blame.

You killed Twinkies.

May God have mercy on your soul.

OK, fine. Maybe I'm being a little hard
on consumers.

Maybe it wasn't just a diminished cus-
tomer base that killed Twinkies.

Because according to industry analysts,
if Twinkies goes to that big Product Grave-
yard in the Sky, Interstate Bakers will
have to share part of the blame, too.

Apparently, the company did a lousy job
of keeping its product line fresh and innova-
tive.

Over the years, except to the company's
loyal base of aging baby boomers with a
sweet tooth, eating Twinkies became
about as hip as playing Mahjong.

Interstate didn't market them the right
way, especially not if it had wanted to hook
a whole new generation of fat little kids
with a Twinkie jones.

Look, do you realize that Twinkie the
Kid, the little walking, talking sponge cake
with the cowboy hat, cowboy boots and
bandanna, is still this product's mascot?
Twinkie the Kid's been around since long
before I was taking a walker, shouldn't he
in those old Twinkie commercials, he was al-
ways thwarting evil by taking on cattle
rustlers, or promoting the general welfare
by stopping stampedes, remember? I'm
sorry, but that's just not going to get it
done if you want to be a player in today's
highly competitive kid-food market.

If you want to hook young people today,
you have to dress Twinkie the Kid in
hip-hop gear and \$200 Oakley shades.

You have to have him chasing down the
bad guys in a Cadillac Escalade, or an
Apache helicopter with twin-mounted
50-caliber machine guns and rocket
launchers.

And when the bad guys have been de-
feated, Twinkie the Kid can't just smile be-
nignly and hand out Twinkies to all the
children like he used to do.

No, these days you'd have to show him
clubbing with some fine-looking babes,
raising a glass of Cristal on the dance floor
and winking at the camera.

Times have changed, is what I'm saying.
But Twinkies ... Twinkies would be eter-
nal.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doodlesbury



OPINION

Kerry candidacy stronger after first debate

President Bush and Sen. John Kerry faced very different challenges when they met Thursday night for their first debate, but only Kerry seemed to recognize exactly what he needed to do.

David Broder

The Democratic nominee's task was to straighten out the internal contradictions that had facilitated the successful Republican assault on him as a flip-flopper. He bent every effort to the urgent need to appear straightforward and strong — keeping his back straight, his head high, his answers short and his

thoughts clear. For most of the night, he was the aggressor, pressing the case for a change of command in the war on terrorism, which has been Bush's strangest suit. Bush had a different assignment. A Kerry weakened by months of Republican rhetoric painting him as a vacillating wimp was far less of a threat to a second term than the disturbing news bulletins and television pictures from the Iraq battlefield. Bush's need was to reconcile his upbeat rhetoric about the coming of a new democratic era in Iraq with the bloody warfare that has pined 140,000 American troops in that misery-laden country with no end in sight.

In 90 minutes before the biggest audience of the campaign, Bush not only failed to do that, he barely tried. And that omission leaves him at risk to future events as the insurgency in Iraq gathers momentum. Instead of dealing with his greatest vulnerability, Bush did what was predictable. He repeated the favorite examples his campaign has gleaned from the abundant con-

traditions on Iraq policy Kerry has uttered since he first voted to authorize the use of force against Saddam Hussein back in 2002. It is a catalogue that has become familiar through millions of dollars of Republican ads, and by the time Bush had used the same phrase seven times — citing Kerry's dismissal of Iraq as the "wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time" — there was a rote quality to the recital that reduced its sting.

On a day when the headlines carried news of more than 40 deaths from insurgent gunfire in Iraq, most of them children — Bush pronounced himself "realistic but optimistic" about the course of events in Iraq. Kerry briefly challenged that picture, arguing that "it's getting worse by the day." But Bush never responded directly, and estimable moderator Jim Lehrer inexplicably failed to ask the president to reconcile the glaring contradiction between the White House version of events in Iraq and the reality of the growing resistance.

I have argued for a long time that Bush's real opponent in this campaign is not John Kerry but the Iraqi insurgency and, unfortunately, that is turning out to be the case. Bush did nothing during the debate to defuse the threat.

But Kerry did himself some good by refusing to be defensive about his checkered history on Iraq or attempting yet one more convoluted explanation of his incoherent past positions. Instead, he focused on future steps. His preferred solution for Iraq, starting with "a summit" of European and Middle East nations to drum up more international peacekeeping forces, may not be a long shot, but when Bush failed to challenge Kerry's contention that the president's plan is simply "more of the same," the gamble did not seem totally implausible.

I thought I saw Bush win a bit when Kerry recalled that the president's father had not tried to topple Saddam Hussein at



See Wall Street Journal, October 4, 2004. Original drawn by Walt Simonson.

the end of the Gulf War of 1991 because he said "there was no viable exit strategy and ... our troops would be occupiers in a bitterly hostile land."

"That's exactly where we find ourselves today," Kerry said. And though he vowed he would not pull out of Iraq without a victory, the implication of his words is clear: If Kerry wins, the future of Iraq will be left to Iraqis.

The debate confirmed that Kerry is simply incapable of appealing to people in personal terms. The kind of emotion Bush displayed when talking about Miss Johnson,

the war widow he had comforted in Charlotte, N.C., just does not come from Kerry.

But he succeeded Thursday night in separating the war in Iraq from the war on terrorism — something Bush does not want to let happen — and, for the moment at least, his demeanor made it believable for him to say, "I've never wavered in my life." And I've never wavered in my life."

For a man who was on the ropes a couple weeks ago, he was at least enough to keep the fight going.

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FDA's weakness made loss of Vioxx more painful

Los Angeles Times

Merck & Co. said its surprise decision Thursday to withdraw the arthritis drug Vioxx was used by about 2 million people worldwide — was driven by recent evidence that the drug's adverse side effects outweighed any potential benefits. But that wasn't really

[T]he FDA ... lets drug companies monitor their own products' dangers after they've reached the shelves.

news. Though the new study was more comprehensive than past research because it looked at patients over the course of three years, research since November 2000 has suggested that those who take Vioxx face a heart attack risk four to five times greater than those who take older, equally effective arthritis treatments such as ibuprofen and naproxen.

So why is Merck recalling the drug now? One can only speculate, but it may have less to do with side effects outweighing benefits than with legal liabilities outweighing profits. Merck faces several lawsuits, including a class action filed Thursday alleging the company made false and misleading statements about Vioxx's safety. Whatever the company's motives, its decision to withdraw Vioxx should cast scrutiny on at least two problems inherent in the nation's system for assessing and monitoring drug safety.

The first is misleading ads. Vioxx and a

similar drug from Pfizer Inc., Celebrex, have been touted as "super-aspirin" in numerous TV commercials that have downplayed their known cardiovascular risks.

Such commercials show how far the Food and Drug Administration has slipped in enforcing its own rules. When the agency determines a drug company has made a misleading ad, it first issues a warning letter, then imposes a fine if the

ad is not pulled. But the number of warning letters has dropped precipitously since the Bush administration took power, from 82 in 2000 to 24 in 2003.

The second problem is the nation's almost exclusive reliance on drug companies to police the safety and efficacy of their own drugs.

Although the FDA requires drug makers to demonstrate the superiority of their medications to placebos before they can release them, the agency lets drug companies monitor their own products' dangers after they've reached the shelves.

The FDA could help solve these problems not only by enforcing its own rules but by requiring doctors and hospitals to report "adverse events" when patients use drugs. Big government payers such as Medicaid or Medicare could pay only for expensive new drugs that are demonstrably superior to older, cheaper ones.

The withdrawal of Vioxx caused Merck's market value to sink by almost \$27 billion. The FDA's current hands-off approach to drug companies doesn't just endanger consumers, it hurts investors who shouldn't be caught by surprise over a drug whose dangers have long been clear.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Spirited funeral

IN ST. JOHN — Ozella "Ozzie" McHargue's Christmas spirit was always evident — even at her holly, jolly funeral this week.

McHargue came up with the idea 17 months ago after being diagnosed with cancer. She said she didn't want depressing organ music at her funeral — she wanted songs like "Silver Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

She got her wish.

The funeral home was decked with holly, wreaths, mistletoe, poinsettias and a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments from friends and family. McHargue was placed in a custom-made red and green casket for her wake Monday.

Ozzie, a widow who died Sept. 22 at age 67, always sprang to life around Christmas, her family said. She enjoyed Santa, Frosty and her favorite, the Grinch.

"Mom was always cheesy with the decorating, too. Things weren't done until they were overdone," said Kristy Hudd, who wore a Christmas tree pin on her blouse.

Grandparents busted

PA READING — A Luzerne County couple took their two grandchildren with them when they drove to Reading to buy heroin, police said.

William R. Davis, 47, of Ebervale, was charged with heroin possession, child endangerment and other offenses. He was taken to Berks County Prison on \$25,000 bail following a preliminary hearing Monday.

His wife, Vicki A. Davis, 47, faces identical charges and remains free awaiting further court action.

The two were arrested around 12:30 a.m. June 17 after they were stopped on state Route 61 in Shoemakersville. Patrolman Michael A. Cardell testified that he found 149 packets of heroin and two syringes in the Davis' car after he stopped him for driving without a tail light.

Their grandchildren, ages 7 and 3, were in the back seat, investigators said. Police called the children's mother to pick them up.

Bold public proposal

OH COSHOCTON — Angela Clark made front-page headlines: "Rich Barker, will you marry me?"

Clark's proposal was published in the Coshocton Tribune on Saturday. Barker's answer, delivered to Tribune readers in Sunday's paper: "Yes."

Clark contacted the Tribune several weeks ago about proposing through the newspaper.

The proposal accompanied a photograph of Clark holding a box with a wedding band. Barker got the proposal, hidden in a box, during a family gathering for his 40th birthday at a restaurant.

"I've had a crush on him ever since I first saw him," Clark said.

It will be the second marriage for both. They plan to get married June 6, 2006.

Dog kills dog at show

MA DENNIS — A pooch named Rafferty probably won't get any "Best in Show" awards after it mauled and killed a terrier at a Cape Cod dog show.

Evelyn Galloway, 74, and her

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Yorkshire terrier named Libby had just performed at "Pooches on Parade" at the Dennis Senior Center on Thursday when Rafferty, a nearly 100-pound Bouvier des Flandres, attacked Libby and "picked her up like a rag doll," Galloway said.

Three people had to wrestle the four-pound terrier out of the jaws of the "service dog" owned by Autumn Daniels, of Dennisport, who uses a wheelchair.

An on-duty animal control officer heard the commotion and rushed to help. Libby was rushed to an animal hospital in Hyannis, but died about 30 minutes into surgery, Galloway told The Cape Cod Times. The show continued after the incident, according to dog owner Estelle Hill.

Cop jailed for dealing

TX HOUSTON — An ex-Houston police officer has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to dealing cocaine and marijuana while on duty and in uniform.

Gilberto Zertuche, 43, an 18-year police department veteran, was sentenced Monday.

He was charged with providing protection for a deal in which a kilogram of cocaine — 2.2 pounds — and 100 pounds of marijuana were exchanged at an apartment in Humble on Feb. 24, prosecutors said.

While Zertuche was neither a buyer or a seller, he oversaw the transaction, and helped weigh the drugs and count the money, said Assistant District Attorney Julian Ramirez.

"He was in uniform and he was putting at ease any fears that the drug dealers, which in this case were undercover cops, might have had that they were going to be robbed or that something was going to go down," Ramirez told the Houston Chronicle.

Face scanning

NC RALEIGH — North Carolina plans to begin scanning and digitizing the faces of people applying for or renewing driver's licenses, a measure officials said could help cut ID fraud and find suspected terrorists.

The face-recognition technology that goes into use at motor vehicle offices around the state Friday compares facial features with digital images in the agency's database to verify the identity of each applicant. The images will also be matched against those on federal terrorist watch lists.

The process uses computer software to define characteristics of each face being photographed for a license. Facial features measured by the computer include the distance between eyes, the width of the nose, the depth of eye sockets, and the location of cheekbones and the chin.

The measured features are then converted into a numerical code that can be read by computers that verify identity.

'Slow-moving billboard'

WI OSHKOSH — Why should elite athletes get all the big endorsement dollars and free stuff? That's what recently ran through the mind of Grace Lim, a back-of-the-pack marathon runner.

So Lim began asking for help — and got herself sponsored.

When the mother of two crossed the finish line Sunday at the Fox Cities marathon, the back of her shirt carried the name of a local company — Movin' Shoes Fox Valley — and a message that it's the store "Where everyone is No. 1."

She made her pitch in person to Movin' Shoes.

"I walked in and said, 'This is why you want to sponsor me: Customers are made of people like me — back-of-the-pack runners,'" she said.

She offered to be a "slow-moving billboard" for the specialty running store.

Pants on fire, and more

AR PINE BLUFF — A man who set fire to a pair of pants he thought his wife was wearing during an affair accidentally torched his mobile home and has been charged with arson, police said.

Officers said Leroy Brown, 19, perceived that his wife had been with another man, setting fire to the pair of pants, singing his fingers in the process.

Brown apparently dropped the pants after getting burned and the mobile home caught fire, detectives James Golden and Kelvin Haidley said.

Brown was detained on an arson charge after Tuesday's fire, pending a formal review by the prosecutor's office.



A nice catch
Chris Perkins, of Putney, Vt., holds a 12.77 pound rainbow trout shortly after having the fish weighed in Brattleboro, Vt. He caught the fish in the Walloomsac River in Bennington County.



Great wall of pumpkin
Reagan Herpich, 2, scales a pile of pumpkins at The Garden Spot in Independence, Mo.



Spreading out
A Canada goose lifts off from a lake along Conner's Point in Superior, Wis.



Prime foliage

Aspen trees on a hillside approach their peak colors in the San Juan Mountains in San Miguel County near Telluride, Colo.



Tight fit Darrell Euson of Euson Movers measures the width of a bridge before pulling across it in rural Otoe County, Nebraska.



Remembering the fallen Bill Deane stands with an 8-foot-tall tree he made of copper outside his Papillion, Neb., home. Every leaf of the tree is engraved with a name of a U.S. or coalition soldier killed in Iraq.



Putting on a new coat Geoff Daley with Beynon Sports Surfaces uses a shovel to apply new surface on part of Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.

Shootout over chicken

WV BLUEWELL — A family meal erupted into a gun battle after a father and son clashed over how to cook chicken.

The two men argued Sunday over the best way to prepare skinless chicken for dinner.

"It started out as a physical confrontation, but it escalated until both of them were shooting at each other," Detective Sgt. A.D. Beasley of the Mercer County Sheriff's Department said Monday.

Beasley said each man fired a .22-caliber handgun at the other.

Harley Shrader was struck by a bullet that went through the upper part of his right ear and lodged in the back of his head. He was treated at a hospital and released. The elder Shrader was not injured.

Jackie Lee Shrader, 49, was charged with malicious wounding and wanton endangerment. Harley Lee Shrader, 24, was charged with wanton endangerment.

Rapist to wed victim

IN SYRACUSE — A 38-year-old man has received up to three years in prison for third-degree rape, but his sentence will be postponed so he can marry his teenage victim.

Despite courtroom pleas Monday by his own lawyer and a lawyer representing his bride-to-be that the case shouldn't be prosecuted, Quinton Robinson, 38, of Syracuse accepted a plea bargain rather than go to trial.

Onondaga County Judge Joseph Fahey agreed to postpone sentencing until after Oct. 9, when Robinson plans to marry his girlfriend, who is now 19.

Robinson believed the girl, who was 16 when he moved in with her and her mother in 2002, was older, according to defense lawyer David Stanton.

Duct-taped pants

NY DUNLAP — The father of a seventh-grader claims an assistant principal came up with a bizarre way to keep his son's pants from sagging in school: duct tape.

Scott Allison told the Concord School Board earlier this month that his 12-year-old son, Spencer, was ordered by a teacher to lift his shirt after she noticed the boy's underwear was showing above his pants, a violation of Concord Junior High School's dress code.

She sent him to Assistant Principal Patricia Walters, who told Spencer to pull up his pants and tuck in his shirt, Allison said.

"She then proceeded to duct tape his waist, three times around the waist," said Allison. "Then she sent him back to class, in front of his peers."

"This outrages me and shocks me," Allison said.

School kitchen fails

TX DALLAS — The high school in the troubled Wilmer-Hutchins school district failed another kitchen inspection and students will continue to receive cold meals, officials said.

The meals are prepared off-campus and delivered in a refrigerated truck.

The latest inspection was Monday, conducted by Dallas County Health and Human Services officials.

Once the school notifies inspectors that violations have been corrected, health officials will revisit the campus for another inspection.

Also, the Texas Education Agency has sent the cash-strapped school district \$1.69 million to allow the district to pay teachers on Wednesday, officials said.

QVC stalker

PA WEST CHESTER — A man who pleaded guilty to stalking a QVC on-air personality agreed Monday to stay away from the woman and the shopping network's studios in eastern Pennsylvania.

Peter Ferreira, 41, was arrested May 18 and charged with misdemeanor counts of stalking and harassment. He was accused of sending e-mails to QVC on-air personality Lisa Robertson at the network and following her.

Ferreira followed her from the studios to her home and other locations, including a movie theater where he was "close enough to Robertson that he could smell the popcorn she was eating," according to an arrest affidavit.

He was sentenced to 132 days of time already served, and was released after Monday's hearing. He was to be driven back to his home in Connecticut.

Ford doesn't have to sell

FL SHALIMAR — A Panhandle judge says Ford Motor Co. can refuse to sell police cars to Florida law enforcement agencies that join a lawsuit against the automaker over fuel tank fires.

Circuit Judge G. Robert Barron has denied Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris' request that he order Ford to resume selling cars to his department. Ford has refused to sell any more Crown Victoria Police Interceptors to Morris since July 2003, a year after he filed suit.

The lawsuit claims the full-size, V-8 powered, four-door sedans have exploded in flames when struck from behind at high speed because of poor design, in some cases killing police officers. Last month, Barron granted class-action status, permitting hundreds of Florida law enforcement agencies to join the lawsuit. Barron says case law establishes a company's right to refuse to do business with any customer.

Possible bear hunt suit

MD HAGERSTOWN — Animal-protection advocates filed a lawsuit Monday seeking to block Maryland's first bear hunt in 51 years, which they said was the product of flawed science.

State wildlife managers proposed the hunt in February after more than a decade of debate. They have said the two-week hunt, which would be limited to 30 bears and would begin Oct. 25, will help contain an increasingly troublesome resident population of black bears.

Officials estimate the bear population has grown from about a dozen in 1956 to an estimated 500 today, concentrated mainly in the state's far western mountains.

The DNR said 2,383 people applied for the hunt, which will be restricted to a total of 200 hunters.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Horoscope

The Gemini moon at the day's beginning gives way to a moodier Cancer vibe at day's end. There are phone calls, personal and business exchanges, and people coming into the picture again just to touch base. The social output is so high that by evening all we want to do is sit quietly and collect ourselves. Don't call anyone past 8 p.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 4). This year, resolve to get to the bottom of issues regarding ego, love and creativity. Also, focus on finding a work routine with which you really feel comfortable.

You're getting to know yourself better and will be able to make choices that make this year blossom in ways you previously thought unimaginable. Lucky love signs are Sagittarius and Gemini.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Assess your emotional state. You're ready to embark on an exciting journey involving love, beauty and artistic expression, but first, you need to take stock of where you are. This prevents sadness or fear from sabotaging your plans. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Someone, perhaps a Gemini or Sagittarius, has a crucial piece of information that will help you. To find this person, ask yourself what it is you most need to learn. The answer should lead you in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the original commitment-phobe. So if you've carefully weighed all your options and done all your research, and you're still having trouble making a decision, ask a trusted confidant to choose for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). With every meeting, an eventual parting is inevitable. Remember this, and you will never take it personally when a situation comes to an end. A parting of the ways is simply the conclusion of one cycle and the beginning of the next.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The more accomplished you become, the more caution you should exercise. Your own pride could prove to

be your downfall, tempting you to take on more than you can handle right now. Be aware of your limits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Every day has its own unique challenges. Remaining flexible will help you roll with the punches. Rigidity is your worst enemy during times of stress. So if your schedule is thrown for a loop, just try to make it up to you as you go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Are you punishing yourself for feeling too good? If coming down sick right after landing a big account or promotion is part of your modus operandi, re-evaluate how comfortable you really are with the idea of success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A little well-placed anger can inspire you to make great changes, either in the world or in yourself. But if you're holding onto anger or resentment for no good reason, you need to ask yourself what purpose it's serving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Use creativity to boost your energy. While it's probably not a good idea to let the boss catch you doodling in your notepad, giving your mind the time and permission to wander could prove incredibly productive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Pay attention to those things that put you on the defensive. Is your boss questioning your work? Did a spouse's joke hit a raw nerve? Whenever you feel the knee-jerk reaction to strike back, pause for a moment of clarity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Admit it—You like to stir up controversy. Jumping into the fray gets your blood pumping. That's all well and good if it's for a worthy cause, but you might want to think twice if you're generating conflict just for conflict's sake.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Everyone may mean well, but somewhere along the way, the lines of communication could have gotten crossed. Double-check anything that seems wildly optimistic.

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Jump Start



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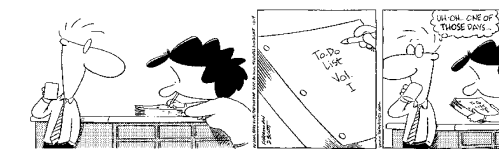
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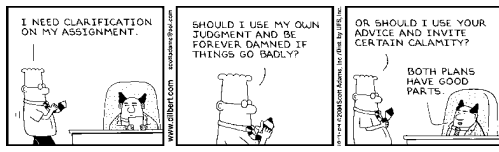
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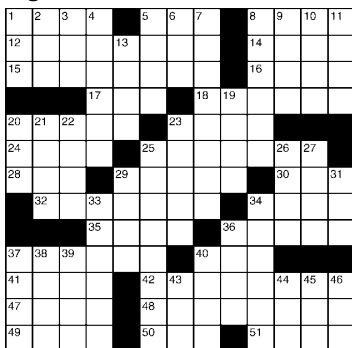
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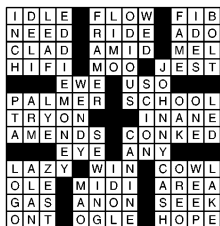
Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Feedback fill
- 5 Capek play
- 8 Sitz baths
- 12 Turbot or plaice
- 14 Lotion additive
- 15 Division point, maybe
- 16 Kentucky fort
- 17 Existed
- 18 Mrs. — of legend
- 20 "Gasoline —"
- 23 Attorney-to-be's exam (Abbr.)
- 24 Aforementioned
- 25 Random criticism
- 28 Doctrine
- 29 Tittles
- 30 Triumphed
- 32 Popular hangout
- 34 Start again
- 35 "Bonanza" role
- 36 Esteem
- 37 Swimsuit style
- 40 Low sound?
- 41 Finished
- 42 Car-disassembling site
- 47 Supermarket stack
- 48 Leeway
- 49 Entanglement
- 50 Storm center
- 51 Dance lesson
- 3 Hosiery shade
- 4 Boiled slowly
- 5 Reformer Jacob
- 6 Tars' org.
- 7 Current regulator
- 8 "...and the Lord — away"
- 9 Arm bone
- 10 Loutish sort
- 11 Alluring
- 13 TV chef Bobby
- 19 Glaswegian girl
- 20 — was saying, ..."
- 21 Cilium
- 22 Prom
- 23 Transportation
- 23 Indolence-causing fruit
- 25 Treat on a stick
- 26 Actor Wilson
- 27 Bustle
- 29 "When the Frost — the Punkin"
- 31 Neither partner
- 33 Craving
- 34 Perches
- 36 Kachina
- 37 Strong dark beer
- 38 Terrible guy?
- 39 Gambling game
- 40 Speck
- 43 Alternative to 1-Across
- 44 Gilligan's home
- 45 Praiseworthy piece
- 46 Energy

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Down

- 1 Vacationing
- 2 "The Greatest"

10-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptquip: THE MOST FAMOUS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OF ANY GREAT COMPOSER? SURELY BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH!
Today's Cryptquip Clue: N equals L

Sneaky son should be confronted

Dear Abby: My son, "Will," is married with three beautiful children. One evening a few weeks ago, I baby-sat my grandchild at their house. A strange car kept stopping in front of the house, and when I went to the window, it would drive off.

Will and his wife, "Eve," both work. He returned before she did, and I left. However, I was suspicious, so I drove up the street and parked in a dark area. A few minutes later, the car pulled up again, and my son ran out of the house and got into the car. I drove slowly by the car and saw my son and a strange woman talking.

Should I tell Eve what I saw? A few people have told me to butt out. I strongly suspect that he is having an affair with this woman. What should I do?

Dear Abby



— **Worried Mom in Missouri**
Dear Worried Mom: Talk to your son. Give him a chance to explain. Warn him about how much he has to lose if he is involved with another woman or doing something illegal. But do NOT carry tales to your daughter-in-law without first talking to your son — if then.

Dear Abby: Referring to the woman who is receiving checks from her elderly Aunt Millie, I would suggest that she contact Millie's children or someone who is involved in her day-to-day life before cashing them. Aunt Millie may not remember that she has already sent a check, or she may be arbitrarily sending checks to numerous people and charities.

Someone closer may be able to tell the writer to relax, enjoy

the money and just thank Aunt Millie, or appreciate being alerted to monitor her checkbook and keep an eye out for other problems that may need to be addressed.

Gift-giving is often a way of staying in touch or seeking more contact. The niece and her children might write, call or visit Aunt Millie more often and give her the gift of their time.

— **Syble Solomon, Gerontology Department, University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

Dear Syble: Thank you for pointing out that what I considered to be generosity might instead be a sign of dementia in Aunt Millie. If you are correct, contacting someone close to her could avert a big mess.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Please email to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueppress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words

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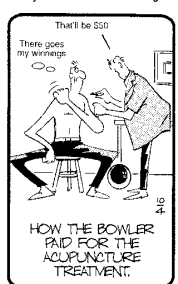
www.jumble.com

Answer: WITH " " " " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GLAND TWILL CHISEL BUTLER

Answer: How the reporter got a scoop at the soup kitchen — WITH A LADLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Anglin



Now arrange the circled letters to form the puzzle answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Fiance has become too controlling

Dear Annie: My fiancée and I have been together for quite some time.

On my birthday, "Oliver" presented me with a ring and asked me to marry him. Of course, I said yes. We scheduled the wedding for June of next year, and even since, we have had some issues.

Oliver seems to be angry all of the time and doesn't want me to have a social life. When we go home, he doesn't want any of my family members or friends to know we are in town. I love Oliver and his family to pieces, but I would like to see my own family once in a while.

I don't know what I have done to make him feel this way. We have tried to talk about our problems, but just as I think things are getting better, they get worse. I am trying to be who he wants me to be, but nothing works.

Is the problem me? — **Troubled Heart in Mississippi**

Dear Troubled: No, the prob-

Annie's Mailbox



lem isn't you. It's Oliver. He sounds controlling, and it could get worse. He is keeping you away from your family and friends, and you are "trying to be who he wants me to be." That is not a healthy relationship. We think you should get out of this mess.

Dear Annie: I recently learned that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For me this is especially poignant, since I am a 49-year-old woman and have just been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Ever since my doctor told me I should start getting a yearly mammogram, I have faithfully gone. Until this year, they always came back negative. In August, the mammogram showed suspicious-looking calcification developing in one of my breasts. I have since had a lumpectomy, and some of my lymph nodes have been removed.

One node showed cancer. The

mass was tiny and hidden under the muscle. If I hadn't gone for the mammogram, it would have been another year before the mass was large enough to be felt — and the outcome would have been very different. I am facing chemotherapy and radiation, but I will live and be able to watch my two children graduate college.

If your doctor says to start getting a yearly mammogram, DO IT! Don't make excuses.

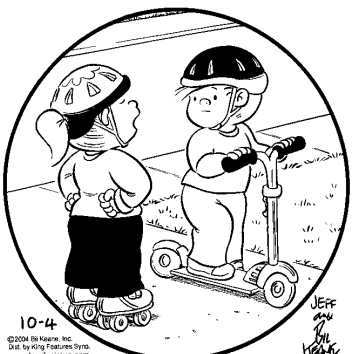
Also take the time to do regular breast self-exams.

— **Janet**
Dear Janet: Thank you for the timely reminder that mammograms can save lives. And breast cancer is not simply a woman's disease. Men can and do get breast cancer. Everyone should do regular self-exams and check for lumps. If you find anything suspicious, ask your doctor immediately.

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Family Circus



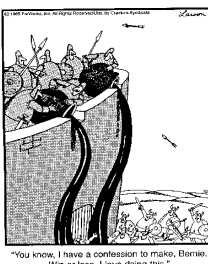
"You're only a two-wheeler. I'm an EIGHT-wheeler."



Dennis the Menace



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Hobbled Malone not ready to play or end his career

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Karl Malone told the Los Angeles Lakers he's not ready to play, but he didn't rule out returning sometime this season or beyond.

"Karl's not playing, but he's also not retiring," Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said Friday. "He's leaving his options open. Nothing's carved in stone."

"He will be 100 percent physically in the next couple months and his skills are obviously still great. He still could play this year. Anything's possible — the door is still open."

The 41-year-old Malone, the second-leading career scorer in the NBA, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in late June. Malone opted out of his \$1.65 million contract with the Lakers at the end of the season, making him a free agent. Several teams, including San Antonio, Minnesota and Miami, expressed interest.

Malone and Manley had lunch with Lakers owner Jerry Buss on Thursday to let him know Malone wouldn't be at training camp, but that he wouldn't sign with another team. Buss offered Malone an unspecified job with the Lakers, Manley said.

The Lakers open camp Tuesday. Their first preseason game is Oct. 12, and they open the regular season Nov. 2 at home against Denver.

Manley said if Malone does return to play in the NBA, it will only be with the Lakers. "He doesn't want to move his family," the agent said.

Malone played in 1,434 of a possible 1,444 regular-season games with the Utah Jazz, but missed 40 games with the Lakers — 39 after tearing a knee ligament Dec. 21 against Phoenix.

He returned in March, and played a key role as the Lakers reached the NBA Finals.

Stojakovic still wants out of Sacramento, but doesn't expect to leave

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Peja Stojakovic still wants the Sacramento Kings to trade him. Until then, he seems perfectly happy to be a King.

After a summer in which he became a father, served in the Greek Army and shocked his teammates by asking to leave Sacramento, the NBA's second-leading scorer last season reported to training camp as scheduled Friday.

Stojakovic seemed upbeat and excited to see his teammates as they began preparations for their preseason trip to China.

But the forward's thoughts about his future still



Stojakovic

weren't clear after he reiterated his opinion that the Kings would be better off without him — but he also didn't mind staying in Sacramento.

"I'm still standing behind the words I said in August, but I am professional," Stojakovic said. "I have a contract with the Kings, two years, and I'm going to honor that. It just wouldn't be fair for the

city, the organization and for my teammates, who I respect. I'm just going to go out there and play."

Stojakovic averaged a career-best 24.2 points and 6.3 rebounds last season, thriving as the Kings' top offensive threat while Chris Webber was sidelined by a serious knee injury. But when Webber returned from an eight-game suspension after the All-Star break, Stojakovic's assertiveness and production declined.

Stojakovic averaged 17.5 points in the playoffs, and the Kings were eliminated by Minnesota in the second round. He skipped the Olympics to rest and to serve his military obligation to his adopted nation — and two months after the season ended, he told the Kings he wanted out.

But Stojakovic gave no reasons for his request, other than a vague declaration that the Kings' chemistry was fractured.

Knicks president unhappy with S. Anderson

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — New York Knicks president Isiah Thomas made two things clear Friday: He can't stand Shandon Anderson, and he can't find a way to get rid of him.

"I've tried to trade him, and I will continue to try to trade him," Thomas said. "If I would have been lucky, it would have happened."

Anderson, an eight-year veteran small forward, will join the team when training camp opens.

Thomas is trying to find a taker for a player owed \$24 million over the next three seasons — a steep price for a player who last season averaged more than 8.7 points over the past four seasons.

Cavaliers add backcourt depth with L. Harris

CLEVELAND — Lucious Harris signed Friday with the Cleveland Cavaliers, who hope the New Jersey Nets veteran can strengthen a backcourt weakened by injuries last season.

Harris is being counted on as a backup for shooting guard Eric Snow and point guard Jeff McInnis.

missed against Bryant at the woman's request.

"Her statement was strong enough to get the case filed but it never lifted the case beyond that minimum standard," said Larry Pozner, former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "All this is pertinent interest. The question is whether the prosecution is going to own up to it and show us the evidence that sunk their boat."

Prosecutors next week are expected to release other previously sealed documents that could provide a fuller picture of the case. They have said they believed a jury would have convicted Bryant, but only if the woman had been willing to testify.

Attorneys for Bryant, 26, initially fought the media requests for the documents, arguing they contained potentially embarrassing, sensitive information and that Bryant's privacy rights outweighed the public's right to view the material.

They abandoned those arguments last week, saying they would no longer object to releasing records as long as prosecutors made sure that the material showed both sides of the case. Bryant's attorney Pamela Mackey did not return a call after the sheriff's department released the documents Friday.

"The government might get its good headlines this weekend, but I suspect that as more information becomes public, we will learn the real reasons why this case did not go to trial," said former prosecutor Craig Silverman. Neither he nor Pozner believed the newly public information would have much effect on the accused's lawyers. Denver federal court. Both expect that case to end with a confidential monetary settlement.

"It's going to end up paying some money, not because there's a case but because he's tired of plane trips to Colorado and the disruption to his life," Pozner said.



Through 54 holes of the \$7 million American Express Championship, Ernie Els leads the field in birdies (17) and putts per round (25.7). The South African shot 4-under 68 Saturday.

AP

Els leads global charge in AmEx

The Associated Press

THOMASTOWN, Ireland — Ernie Els held off some early charges on a blustery Saturday and shot 4-under 68 to finish where he started — with a two-stroke lead in the American Express Championship and in great shape to capture his first World Golf Championship title.

It was only fitting that Els was atop the leader board at Mount Juliet.

The most global player in golf is being chased by a slew of internationals, from Thomas Bjorn to Padraig Harrington, from David Howell to Retief Goosen.

The lone American among the top seven was British Open champion Todd Hamilton, who grew up in Illinois but earned his keep for a dozen years in Asia.

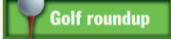
All of them will be chasing Els, who appears to have fully recovered from his post-major funk in which he nearly won all four of the Grand Slam events and came away empty.

Els bounced back from a bogey on No. 9 — his only bogey of the third round — with back-to-back birdies to regain the lead. He picked up another shot on the 17th, and had a 20-foot birdie putt catch the lip on No. 18.

He was at 15-under 201 and had a two-shot lead over Bjorn, who shot 66.

The final round will be played in threesomes Sunday because of nasty weather in the forecast, and the Irish fans won't need Tiger Woods around to see a dramatic conclusion.

Woods nearly held out from 250 yards on the 18th hole, then missed the 10-foot birdie putt and had to settle for his second



Golf roundup

straight 70, leaving him seven shots behind.

Bjorn walked off the course the last time he was in Ireland — in the European Open in early summer — but felt his game slowly turning around. Proof of that came Saturday in gusts up to 25 mph, when he was flawless for the first seven holes and never dropped a shot.

The biggest chasers might be for Harrington, who birdied six of his first 10 holes and wound up with a 66. It was at 12-under 204, along with Hamilton (209) and Howell of England (66).

Darren Clarke posted the best round of the day (65), leaving him in the large group at 208 that included Woods, Zach Johnson and Lee Westwood.

Pate, Frazar take lead in Southern Farm Bureau Classic

MADISON, Miss. — Steve Pate capped a 7-under 65 with two birdies and shared the lead with Harrison Frazar after two rounds of the Southern Farm Bureau Classic.

Pate, who hasn't won on the PGA Tour in six years, was at 12-under 132.

Frazar, who had two eagles in a 67, started the round tied for the lead with John Senden and Glen Day. Chris Couch shot a 63 and was tied at 133 with Senden (67) and Patrick Sheehan (68). Day shot 70 and was in a group of seven three strokes behind the leaders.

David Duval finished at 1-under and missed the cut for the fifth time in seven events.

J. Lewis working on plea deal

By HARRY R. WEBER

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Lawyers for Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis are negotiating a plea deal in his drug conspiracy case that would allow him to serve jail time in the offseason, a source close to the case told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Under a deal being discussed with federal prosecutors, Lewis would serve four to six months — possibly split between jail and a halfway house — after the season, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"There would be no jail time

that would interfere with his career," the source said.

Any plea must be signed off on by all sides and approved by a federal judge. If that happens, the deal could be completed in the next week, the source said.

"My lawyers will call me and let me know what's going on if something is going on," Lewis said Saturday.

Lewis, 24, is accused of helping broker cocaine deals for Baltimore Ravens defensive end Jackson, 26, a childhood friend, during conversations with a government informant in Atlanta during the summer of 2000. Both are scheduled to stand trial on Nov. 1.

Details of case unlikely to hurt Bryant

By JON SARCHÉ

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The release of previously sealed documents from the failed sexual assault case against Kobe Bryant answered some questions, but probably will not hurt the NBA star or the lawsuit filed by his accuser, experts said.

In response to requests from news organizations, the Eagle County sheriff's office Friday released 354 pages of investigators' reports, lists of evidence, witness statements and other records.

Included was a transcript of investigators' interview with the then-19-year-old woman who accused Bryant of raping her in his room at the Vail-area resort where he worked in June 2003. Some details of her statement had never before been made public. Some were disclosed months ago, long before the charge was dis-

Osan's Stephens sets Korea rushing mark

Cougars back carries 13 times for 327 yards in 26-0 win over Taegu

Stars and Stripes

Coach Tony Alvarado will be busy pasting Cougar decals, three each, on the helmets of his Osan American offensive linemen this week.

He had good reason — the line played the road for senior running back Terry Stephens, who set a Korea single-game rushing record with 327 yards on 13 carries with four touchdowns runs in a 26-0 shutout of Taegu American on Saturday at Kelly Field, Camp Walker, South Korea.

The first-year back broke by seven yards the Korea mark set in 2001 by Osan's Bryan Clay and is the fourth-highest game total in Pacific high school history, 57 behind the 384 by Corey Dunlap-Buckman of Guam's Simon Sanchez Sharks, also set in 2001.

Elsewhere, the Kadena Islanders' senior running back tandem of Keith Loving and David McCowan piled up 468 all-purpose yards and six touchdowns in a 41-20 victory over the Kubasaki Samurai in an Okinawa Activities Council first-place showdown.

The defending Okinawa champion Kadena Buccaneers posted their first win of the season, beating the Kubasaki Shogun 21-14. Joey Chop rushed for three TDs, finishing with 102 yards in 13 carries as the Guam High Panthers pulled to 500 on the season by shutting out Southern 28-0.

Korea

Osan American 26, Taegu American 0: Stephens is in his first year of football, after concentrating on basketball following his transfer from Macon, Ga.

"He worked hard in the weight room, he's always been there," Alvarado said. "It's great to see it happen for him."

Alvarado had hoped for similar fireworks in Osan's season opener two weeks earlier against United American, but it did not happen, as the Falcons blanked the Cougars 20-0.

"After that, we looked at the film of Seoul, then tried to fine tune some things and it really came together," Alvarado said.

It was working on opening holes, having blockers stay with their man, making seams for the backs and having the backs hit the holes hard and fast, Alvarado said.

"And it was like, wow. It was awesome," Alvarado said.

The line was promised a Cougar helmet decal for each 100-yard rusher. "I'll be putting three each on their helmets this week," he said.

Stephens scored on touchdowns runs of 96, 95, 48 and 12 yards. Fullback David LeB rushed seven times for 50 yards. Defensively, Stephens had 10½ tackles and Sam Godwin added 8½.

Despite the one-sided score, the Warriors (0-1), the last Pacific Islander to play in the game, had the ball inside the Cougars' 15 four times, but turned it over three times and lost it on downs once.

Prep football

Mychal McGee paced Taegu with 54 yards in nine carries, and went 4-for-11 passing for 57 yards. Corey Grammer caught three passes for 41 yards. Sidney Washington added 38 yards on 14 carries and eight tackles and Daniel Pressley added 37 on eight attempts.

Okinawa

Kadena Islanders 41, Kubasaki Samurai 20: At Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Loving ran 21 times for 174 yards and three TDs, while McCowan added 115 yards on 16 attempts and a score. Unlike the lopsided margins the Islanders enjoyed against Kubasaki teams last season, the Samurai fought to the end, Islanders coach Sergio Mendoza said.

"They're a scrappy bunch," he said.

In a second-quarter sequence, McCowan returned an interception 54 yards for a touchdown, only to have Desmond Jackson of the Samurai run back the kickoff 88 yards to cut the gap to 21-14. Loving then grabbed the ensuing kickoff and ran back 84 yards to put it out of reach.

Jackson amassed 174 all-purpose yards on 17 touches. Lenard White ran 13 times for 93 yards, including a 76-yard TD, and Ricky Jones ran for a 6-yard TD for the Samurai (2-1), who had two takeaways for four for the Islanders (3-0).

Kadena Buccaneers 21, Kubasaki Shogun 14: At Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Tyler Schmidt went 9-for-22 for 217 yards, including touchdown passes of 6 and 14 yards to Gary Wright, and ran 2 yards for the Bucs' other touchdown to cap a 99-yard second-quarter drive. The 6-yarder to Wright finished an 80-yard fourth-quarter drive.

Wright also blocked a punt and had a sack for the Bucs, who forced four fumbles. Jacob Love had three catches for 63 yards and Jeremy Galvez three for 27 yards plus a sack and a recovery. Rafael Mew ran 3 yards for a touchdown and returned an interception 30 yards to account for the Shogun's points. Mew had 83 all-purpose yards.

Guam

Guam High 28, Southern 0: At Agat-Santa Rita, Guam, Chop, a senior, ran for touchdowns of 34, 4 and 2 yards and Tommy Strahan had the other TD, a 14-yarder, for Guam High (2-2), which has followed a loss with a win two weeks this season. Guam High scored a touchdown in each quarter against the Dolphins (2-3).

Quarterback Doug Bloom finished with 102 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns for 82 yards for the Panthers. Dustin Lawton caught all three passes and ran 11 times for 61 yards.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Kadena Islanders FB Ted Awana bulls ahead against the Kubasaki Samurai on Saturday at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. The Islanders beat the Samurai 41-20 to take first place in the Okinawa Activities Council.

Local scoreboard

Okinawa interservice football

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Kadena	0	1	0.000	20	1
Ryukyuu University	0	0	0.000	0	0
Schwab	0	1	0.000	14	0
Kinsler	0	1	0.000	6	28

Saturday's game
Foster-Futema 26, Kinser 14

Sunday's games
Kadena vs. Courtney-Hansen at Courtney Bowl, Camp Courtney
Schwab vs. Ryukyuu University at Courtney Bowl, Camp Courtney

Saturday, Oct. 9
Foster-Futema vs. Kadena at Courtney Bowl, Camp Courtney, 5 p.m.
Kinser vs. Schwab at Courtney Bowl, Camp Courtney, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 10
Courtney-Hansen vs. Ryukyuu University at Courtney Bowl, Camp Courtney, 5 p.m.

Japan girls volleyball

Friday's summary
Christian Academy in Japan def. Nile C. Kinnick 25-18, 25-18, 25-16

Spoite kills — CAL, Kelsey Masuda 11, Kelsey Handman 12, Kinnick, Erica Nemeyer 7

Serving — CAL, Erica Burger 15-for-15, Ashley Ogawa 15-for-15, Kelsey Handman 13-for-15, Kinnick, Erica Nemeyer 5, Kinsler

Defensive digs — Kinnick, Jasmine Johnson 3

Block points — Kinnick, Kaitie Wilkinson 3

High school football

Top Far East rushers, game

Corey Dunlap-Buckman, Simon Sanchez Sharks, Guam, 384 yards, 26 carries, Oct. 27, 2001, 66-0 win over John F. Kennedy Islander

Corey Dunlap-Buckman, Simon Sanchez Sharks, Guam, 351 yards, 26 carries, Nov. 9, 2001, 84-0 win over Guam High Panthers

Donald Wilmes, Kubasaki Shogun, Okinawa, 331 yards, 24 carries, Oct. 3, 1986, 50-26 win over Taegu Warriors

Terry Stephens, Osan Cougars, South Korea, 327 yards, 13 carries, Oct. 27, 2004, 26-0 win over Taegu American Warriors

Corey Dunlap-Buckman, Simon Sanchez Sharks, Guam, 289 yards, 16 carries, Oct. 13, 2001, 36-0 win over George Washington Gekko

J.R. Abad, Matthew C. Perry, Samuel, Japan, 281 yards, 29 carries, Sept. 23, 2000, 24-18 win over Yokota Panthers

Corey Dunlap-Buckman, Simon Sanchez Sharks, Guam, 281 yards, nine carries, Nov. 9, 2001, 79-0 win over Guam High Panthers

Darren Taylor, Yokota Panthers, Taiwan, 248 yards, 19 carries, Sept. 22, 2001, 24-0 win over Zama American Trojans

Okinawa Activities Council

Kadena Islanders	W	L	Pct	Pf	Pa
Kubasaki Samurai	0	1	0.000	84	27
Kadena Buccaneers	2	1	.667	54	63
Kubasaki Shogun	0	2	.000	28	91

Saturday's games
Kadena Islanders 21, Kubasaki Samurai 20
Friday, Oct. 9

Kubasaki Shogun vs. Kadena Buccaneers, 3:30 p.m.

Kubasaki Shogun vs. Kubasaki Samurai, 7 p.m.

Interpol Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam

Father Duenas Memorial	W	L	Pct	Pf	Pa
Simon Sanchez	4	0	1.000	152	29
Guam High	1	1	.500	158	45
John F. Kennedy	2	2	.500	92	51
George Washington	2	2	.500	88	52
Southern	2	2	.500	40	114
Guam Int'l Christian Acad.	0	5	.000	0	224

Simon Sanchez '82, Guam International Christian Academy 13

Father Duenas Memorial 20, John F. Kennedy 7 p.m.

Guam High 28, Southern 0

Guam International Christian Academy at George Washington, 10 a.m.

Simon Sanchez vs. Father Duenas Memorial at Ramsey Field, John F. Kennedy High School, Upper Tumon, 3 p.m.

John F. Kennedy vs. Guam High at Andersen Air Force Base, 7 p.m.

Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Council

Seoul American	W	L	Pct	Pf	Pa
Seoul American	1	0	1.000	20	26
Taegu American	1	1	.500	26	20
Taegu American	1	1	.500	0	26

Saturday's game
Osan American 26, Taegu American 0

Saturday, Oct. 9
Taegu American at Seoul American, 2 p.m.

Army's losing streak hits 19

By Mark Johnson
The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Lonta Hobbs scored his second touchdown of the game with 41 seconds left to rally TCU to a 21-17 victory over Army on Saturday, extending the Black Knights' losing streak to 19 games, the longest in the nation.

TCU trailed 17-0 at halftime against a team that had not won at home since defeating Tulane 42-37 on Oct. 27, 2001.

Hobbs ran for 106 yards, and his closing 2-yard scoring run capped an 11-play, 62-yard drive. Brandon Hassell, replacing injured Kyle Kummer at quarterback, completed 14 of 23 passes for 158 yards and one touchdown for TCU (3-2, 1-1 Conference USA).

Carlton Jones ran for 108 yards and one touchdown for Army (0-4, 0-2). Zach Dahman, starting his first game for Army this season, completed 12 of 26 passes for 214 yards.

TCU's offense entered the game ranked 26th in the country, but struggled in the first half.

Dahman hit Jacob Murphy with a 54-yard strike on the second play of Army's first possession and Tielor Robinson scored on a 3-yard run three plays later to open the scoring. It was the Black Knights' first lead of the season.

On Army's next possession Dahman hit Walter Hill with a 35-yard pass to move Army to the TCU 10. That set up Carlton Jones' 10-yard TD run, putting the Black Knights ahead 14-0. An Miller later capped a 13-play drive with a 25-yard field goal to give Army a 17-0 bulge.

An 11-yard touchdown run by Hobbs capped an 87-yard drive and gave TCU its first score with 3 left in the third quarter. On its next possession, TCU marched 89 yards, capped by Hassell's 29-yard TD pass to Cody McCarthy.



Tailback Carlton Jones led Army with 108 yards rushing Saturday.

Hokies knock off No. 6 Mountaineers

The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Vincent Fuller intercepted Rasheed Marshall's pass with 18 seconds left and Virginia Tech beat West Virginia 19-13 Saturday, jeopardizing the Mountaineers' championship hopes.

The No. 6 Mountaineers will play the rest of the season against currently unranked opponents and will need losses by all the other top-ranked teams to again become a championship contender.

The Hokies' own championship run was dashed last year when Virginia Tech lost 28-7 at West Virginia.

West Virginia had a chance to tie the score with 11:43 left in the fourth quarter, but the Mountaineers' offense sputtered. Marshall ran three times on one drive and passed three times on the following drive without getting a first down.

On the final drive, Marshall punted the ball to Charles Hales, who then passed 32 yards to Eddie Jackson. But Fuller ended the Mountaineers' drive with an interception on the following play.

Brandon Pace hit field goals of 29, 30, 35 and a career-long 46 yards, making up for a miss on the final play of last week's 17-16 loss to N.C. State.

Mike Itoh added 115 yards on the ground in his first career start, and stymied the Mountaineers in the final minutes with six carries for 20 yards to force WVU to use its timeouts.

Neither team put aside the heated rivalry now that Tech is in the Atlantic Coast Conference, racking up a combined 35 penalties for 255 yards that stifled drives and kept both teams out of scoring position.

The Hokies and the Mountaineers



ers are scheduled to meet only one more time, an October 2005 matchup in Morgantown, W.Va.

No. 2 Oklahoma 28, Texas Tech 13: Jason White threw three touchdown passes to break Oklahoma's career mark and Adrian Peterson added 146 rushing yards and a touchdown in Norman, Okla.

White broke Heisman Trophy winner Roy Helms' school record in the third quarter with his 54th career touchdown pass. Fullback J.D. Rumsch caught

Peterson, making his first start in place of injured Kejuan Jones, scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter and exceeded 100 yards rushing for his fourth straight game.

No. 5 Texas 44, Baylor 14: Cedric Benson ran for 188 yards and three touchdowns and Vince Young passed for two scores as Texas cruised past Baylor in Austin.

Benson passed Earl Campbell for second place on the school career rushing list and Young threw his first scoring passes to a wide receiver, both going to Tony Jeffery in the first half.

While rain and an early start kept many fans away from the Royal-Memorial Stadium, the Longhorns (4-0, 1-10 Big 12) made quick work of the Bears (2-2, 0-1) in their final tuneup before Saturday's matchup with No. 2 Oklahoma in the Red River Shootout in Dallas.

No. 9 Florida State 38, North Carolina 16: Wyatt Sexton threw three touchdown passes in his starting debut and Leon Washington ran for 153 yards and a touchdown for the host Seminoles.



Arkansas quarterback Matt Jones is tackled by Florida's Channing Crowder after running for a gain during the fourth quarter on Saturday in Gainesville, Fla. The 16th-ranked Gators defeated Arkansas 45-30.

Florida State (3-1, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) built a 24-6 lead early in the third quarter, but didn't put the game out of reach until Sexton's 15-yard TD pass to Chauncey Stovall completed the scoring with 6:53 left.

Stovall also caught a 5-yard scoring pass in the final minute of the first half that gave Florida State a 21-6 lead at halftime.

No. 25 Oklahoma State 36, Iowa State 7: Vernand Morency rushed for 143 yards and two touchdowns and Jason Ricks kicked three field goals for Oklahoma State.

Jamie Thompson caused two fumbles and recovered another for Oklahoma State (4-0, 1-10 Big 12). The Cowboys, who led 23-0 at halftime, held the Cyclones (2-2, 0-1) to just 59 yards rushing on 37 carries.

In Friday's Top 25 game: **No. 14 Utah 28, New Mexico 7:** Quarterback Alex Smith ran for two touchdowns and Steve Savoy caught 11 passes for 150 yards as the visiting Utes won their ninth straight.

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Notre Dame steamrolled by Purdue

By Tom Coyne

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Kyle Orton found a way to win at Notre Dame, ending a 30-year drought for Purdue.

Orton threw four touchdown passes, including a 97-yarder to Taylor Stubblefield, and Jerome Brooks returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown to give the 15th-ranked Boilermakers a 41-16 victory Saturday.

Orton was 21-for-31 for 385 yards, third most in his career, to help the Boilermakers (4-0) end a 13-game losing streak at Notre Dame Stadium dating back to Ara Parseghian's final season as coach in 1974, when the Boilermakers beat the second-ranked Irish 31-20.

Purdue held Notre Dame (3-2) to 76 yards rushing.

The victory also marked the first time the Boilermakers have won a road game at a traditional powerhouse under coach Joe Tiller, who is in his eighth season. The Boilermakers have lost six straight at Ohio State, they are 0-31 at Penn State and haven't won at Michigan since 1966.

They had no problems on Saturday, though, as Orton hurt the Irish with precise passing and timely running. Stubblefield helped, too, with seven catches for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

The Boilermakers, who squandered chances to win their last three games at Notre Dame because of key defensive and special teams plays by the Irish, turned the tables on Saturday.

Brooks' kickoff return gave the Boilermakers a 10-3 lead, and Purdue's defense came up with a big play when Notre Dame had the ball second-and-goal from the 2 yard line through the second quarter.

Defensive end Anthony Spencer stripped the ball away at the 1 and defensive tackle Brent Grover recovered.

But it was Orton who really hurt the Irish. After the defensive stand by Purdue, Orton drove the Boilermakers 97 yards for a touchdown, taking a 20-3 halftime lead.

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N.C. State rallies to beat Wake in overtime

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A 24-McLendon capped a rally from a 14-point deficit by running for an eighth touchdown in overtime, giving North Carolina State a 27-21 victory over Wake Forest on Saturday.

College roundup

Winston missed a 34-yard field goal in the extra period for the Demon Deacons. McLendon ran three straight plays up the middle to move the Wolfpack to the 8. Coach Chuck Amato decided against going for a field goal on third down — John Derahey already had missed two — and McLendon powered into the end zone.

McLendon finished with 139 rushing yards and two TDs. The Wolfpack (3-1, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) seemingly were out of it at halftime, their top-ranked defense shredded for 180 yards to that point — nearly 20 more than its season average. A 1-yard touchdown by Micah Andrews and Marcus McGruder's 22-yard interception return gave Wake Forest a 14-0 lead.

But after three quarters, the Demon Deacons still were stuck on 180 yards, held to three consecutive three-and-outs.

Booted during pregame introductions, Wolfpack quarterback Jay Davis played well in the final 30 minutes. He threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Hicks. But in the 14-7 barely 90 seconds into the third quarter, then added a 58-yard pass to Tramain Hall on the next possession to set up McLendon's 3-yard score to tie it.

Bobby Washington capped a 66-yard drive with the first touchdown of his college career, and N.C. State led 21-14.

The Demon Deacons (3-2, 0-2) were on an 80-yard touchdown drive early in the fourth quarter. Andrews bulled in from the 1 for



Tailback T.D. McLendon rushed for 139 yards and two TDs to help N.C. State overcome a 14-point second-half deficit.

his second TD, making it 21-21. In other games Saturday:

Iowa 36, Michigan State 16: In Iowa City, Iowa, Drew Tate passed for 340 yards and a touchdown and set up two other scores with long completions as the Hawkeyes (3-2, 1-1, Big Ten) amassed a season-high 464 yards and stopped a two-game losing streak.

Michigan State (2-3, 1-1) had 449 yards but was hurt by sloppy play throughout.

Mississippi 22, Arkansas State 21: Ethan Platt threw two touchdown passes to Lorenzo Townsend, including a 9-yard scoring toss in the third quarter as host Mississippi (2-3) won its 12th straight game against Arkansas. The last time the Indians (1-4) defeated the Rebels was 1915.

Syracuse 41, Rutgers 31: Orange tailback Walter Reyes rushed for 237 yards and two touchdowns, including the decisive score with 2:24 left.

It was the ninth straight victory for Syracuse (3-2) over Rutgers (2-2) in the Carrier Dome and provided embattled Orange coach Paul Pasqualoni a reprieve.

Rutgers led 31-27 with 3:58 left and had the ball deep in Syracuse territory after Reyes' fumble. But Jeremy Ito missed a 43-yard field goal for Rutgers.

BC 29, UMass 7: In Boston, A.J. Brooks ran for a school record-near 160 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead Boston College (4-1) past Division I-AA Massachusetts (2-3) for the fifth consecutive time.

2.66-mile oval at 190.749 mph, Nemechek shook his head when reminded his last pole came at the track on Oct. 13, 2000, 133 races ago.

"That's a long time," Nemechek said. "They're just so hard to beat. It's just competition's so tough. But we've been so close this year. We've had a good job. We've had two outside poles and I felt like this was close."

Ricky Rudd was second in a Ford at 190.699, followed by Dale Jarrett's Taurus at 190.374 and Scott Riggs. Nemechek's MBV/MB2 Motorsports teammate, at 190.310.

The rest of the top 10 was made up of drivers who are part of NASCAR's new 10-driver, 10-race playoff-style championship.

Phillies fire manager Bowa

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Larry Bowa was fired as manager of the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday, a day before the end of yet another disappointing season.

The Phillies failed to reach the playoffs for the 11th straight season after coming in as the favorite to win the NL East. They were 85-75 when Bowa was dismissed before Saturday night's game against Florida.

"When I got to the ballpark this afternoon, I got a call from Larry Bowedtelling me to come see him," General Manager Ed Wade said during a news conference. "He said he's been getting uncomfortable with questions about his job status and wanted to know sooner or later."

"After a lengthy discussion, I decided the fairest thing to do was make a move at this time," he said.

Bench coach Gary Varsho will manage the last two games for the Phillies.

Earlier on Saturday, Bowa met with the media while speculation swirled that he would be fired at the end of the season and that pitching coach Joe Kerrigan would resign.

"I'm not talking about it," Bowa said then. "You guys have all speculated. You all have your unidentified sources. You probably know more than I do, which is pretty good."

Bowa led the Phillies to consecutive winning seasons for the first time in 21 years, but it wasn't enough.

A popular figure in Philadelphia who helped the Phillies win their only World Series championship as a shortstop on the 1980 team, Bowa wasn't well-liked among his players.

Bowa's fiery personality and win-at-all-cost mentality clashed with a few of the laid-back players, who also didn't appreciate some of the manager's facial expressions in the dugout when things went wrong.

Bowa tossed down his act during the pennant race last season, but the Phillies collapsed down



Briefs

the stretch, losing six in a row with eight games left to waste a half-game lead over eventual World Series champion Florida in the NL wild-card race.

The Phillies were expected to contend for a title this season with a \$93 million payroll, a new All-Star closer, a revamped bullpen and a promising rotation.

Injuries and inconsistency, though, spoiled the first season in their new ballpark. Bowa said after Friday's victory over the Marlins that the results would have been different if three-fifths of the starting rotation and key relievers had not missed chunks of the season with injuries.

"Take a look at what we did. We did a good job with what we had," Bowa said. "Do I want to win the division? Yup. But when you have a hand that's dealt that way, you do the best you can."

Marlins' McKeon returning to manage in 2005

PHILADELPHIA — Jack McKeon will return to manage the Florida Marlins in 2005.

The team announced Saturday that McKeon, 73, signed a one-year contract extension for next season. He led Florida's dramatic turnaround from a last-place team to World Series champion after being hired 38 games into the 2003 season, winning National League Manager of the Year honors.

This year, McKeon managed the team to its second straight winning record — the first time that's happened in franchise history. He was also the oldest manager in an All-Star Game.

McKeon joined the Marlins on May 11, 2003, replacing the fired Jeff Torborg. Florida was 16-22 when McKeon arrived; with him, they went 75-49 to end the regular season.

McKeon, who turns 74 on Nov. 23, ranks 55th with 927 career victories among starting managers at Philadelphia.

Torre suspended for one game, fined

NEW YORK — New York Yankees manager Joe Torre was suspended for one game and fined by Major League Baseball because one of his pitchers threw at a batter after umpire warnings during a game against Boston.

Torre served his suspension by sitting out the Yankees' game at Toronto on Saturday.

At Boston last Sunday, the Yankees and Red Sox had squared off by home plate umpire Jim Wolf after Boston pitcher Pedro Astacio was ejected for throwing behind Kenny Lofton.

In the bottom half of that inning, Torre and pitcher Brad Halsey were ejected after Halsey threw a pitch high and tight to Dave Roberts, causing the benches and bullpens to clear.

Williams to start Cardinals' playoff opener

ST. LOUIS — Woody Williams has the fewest victories of any Cardinals starter. But he, not Matt Morris, will start St. Louis' playoff opener.

"More than anything else, he's feeling physically the best he's felt all year," manager Tony La Russa said Saturday. "We think it gives us the best shot in case there is a Game 5."

The rotation had been aligned to give Morris (15-10, 4.72) the nod in Game 1, and Williams (11-8, 4.18) had been scheduled to pitch in the regular-season finale on Sunday and then go in Game 3 on the road. Instead, Dan Haren will fill in on Sunday and Morris moves to what had been Williams' playoff slot.

Jason Marquis (15-6, 3.66) will start Game 2 and Jeff Suppan (16-9, 4.16) will work in Game 4. The Cardinals are without Chris Carpenter (15-5, 3.46), who's been sidelined with nerve damage in his right biceps since Sept. 18.

Carpenter likely would have pitched Game 1.

"I feel like it was a byproduct of elimination pretty much," Williams said. "I wish in all regards that I was in the spot they originally put me in, which means everybody is healthy and ready to go."

Nemechek wins pole at Talladega

The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Joe Nemechek wasn't surprised to be back at the front of the field, just that it took so long to get there.

Nemechek, who earned the nickname "Front Row Joe" when he won six poles from 1997-00, got No. 7 on Friday in qualifying for the Craftsman 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, the track where his last pole came four years ago.

"We've been right on top of our game," Nemechek said. "You know, it's about the car in qualifying. The car has got to be right and the engine has got to be right."

"When the race comes, that's when the driver makes a difference."

After getting his No. 01 Chevrolet around the steeply banked

Series leader Jeff Gordon, winner of NASCAR's past two races at Talladega and Daytona, and the two tracks where NASCAR requires horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates, he solidified fifth-place run. That set up his chance to match the late Dale Earnhardt on Sunday as the only driver to win three plate races in a season.

Gordon will go into the race, the third in the championship showdown, with a one-point lead over Kurt Busch, who qualified eighth at 189.676.

In between, were Elliott Sadler at 189.752 and defending series champion Matt Kenseth at 189.710, with Jeremy Mayfield ninth at 189.526 and Dale Earnhardt Jr. rounding out the top 10 at 189.481.

See lineup on Page 24.

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Angels steal AL West title away from A's

Oakland misses playoffs as bullpen collapses

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels capped a stirring comeback with one final rally, and now they're champions of the AL West for the first time in 18 years.

Chasing Oakland and Texas for most of the season, the Angels scored three times in the eighth inning to beat the Athletics 5-4 Saturday and clinch the division title.

AL Roundup

Darin Erstad hit a tying, two-run double and scored on Garret Anderson's single as the Angels earned their

first playoff berth since 2002, when they won the World Series as the wild-card team.

The Angels trailed Oakland by two games last Monday. But after beating the A's for the second straight day, Anaheim had wrapped it up going into Sunday's season finale.

It's still not sure who the Angels will face in the first round of the playoffs; it will either be the New York Yankees or Boston.

The A's had won the division in three of the past four years, and made the playoffs in all of those seasons. They had lost in the first round each time.

Oakland's Eric Byrnes grabbed his helmet in disbelief and frustration when he flew out to left to end it, and a celebration ensued on the mound by the Angels.

Blue Jays 4, Yankees 2: Roy Halladay (8-8) pitched eight innings to help Toronto

beat Kevin Brown and the New York Yankees.

Brown (10-6), auditioning for a spot in the Yankees' postseason rotation, held the Blue Jays to one hit — Vern Wells' double in the fourth — and one unearned run through five innings.

Brown missed three weeks after breaking his left hand when he punched a clubhouse wall on Sept. 3, and was hit hard in his return, getting just two outs at Boston last Sunday.

With Orlando Hernandez struggling with a tired arm, Brown might start Game 3 of the playoffs. Mike Mussina is likely to start Tuesday's playoff opener, followed by Jon Lieber in Game 2.

Red Sox 7, Orioles 5: Bronson Arroyo pitched three shutout innings in his final tune-up before the playoffs, and Johnny Damon drove in three runs to lead Boston in the opener of a split doubleheader.

The Red Sox, who long ago clinched the AL wild-card slot, scored six runs in the second inning against rookie Daniel Cabrera (12-8) before making an out. Boston has won six of seven.

Twins 5, Indians 5 (11, suspended): Minnesota and Cleveland were tied at 5-all after 11 innings when the game was suspended because the Metrodome field needed to be changed over for the later Penn State-Minnesota football game.

The Twins and Indians will resume Sunday before the regularly scheduled season finale between the two teams.



Oakland Athletics' Jermaine Dye, left, scores ahead of the tag of Anaheim Angels catcher Bengie Molina in the sixth inning Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

In Friday's AL games:

Angels 10, Athletics 0: Bartolo Colon dominated in seven sharp innings while pitching on three days' rest for the third time in his career, and No. 9 hitter Alfredo Amézaga had a grand slam.

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 0: Orlando Hernandez (8-2), pushed back three days in the rotation because of a tired shoulder, lost his second straight start, allowing five runs, five hits and three walks in three innings as he repeatedly threw soft pitches.

El Duque left after 63 pitches and said he had a right shoulder sprain.

Twins 4, Indians 3: At Minneapolis, Corey Koskie homered and hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the eighth.

Red Sox 8, Orioles 3: At Baltimore, Tim

Wakefield (12-10) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings for the AL wild-card winner. He had been 0-3 since Aug. 29. Johnny Damon and David Ortiz homered as Boston reached 96 wins for the first time since 1978.

Devil Rays 4, Tigers 1: At Detroit, Tampa Bay (69-90) ensured its first season above the AL East cellar. Rob Bell (8-8) pitched a four-hit ball and came within an out of his first career shutout before Ivan Rodriguez doubled for his 1,000th career RBI.

White Sox 4, Royals 2: At Kansas City, Mo., Jon Garland (12-11) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings as Chicago (82-78) clinched third in the AL Central, and Shingo Takatsu got three outs for his 19th save.

Suzuki's feat gives Japanese fans something to cheer for

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Ichiro Suzuki brightened a dismal baseball season in Japan.

His countrymen celebrated Suzuki's record-breaking hit Saturday when the Seattle Mariners outfielder broke George Sisler's 84-year-old major league mark for hits in a season.

Suzuki chopped a leadoff single in the first inning against the Texas Rangers at Safeco Field to tie Sisler, then made history with

a grounder up the middle in the third — his 258th hit of the season.

"He's incredible," said Shigeru Uchida, who joined other fans in front of a downtown Tokyo electronics store that was showing the game on TV. "Baseball is America's game and for him to go over there and do that is truly amazing."

It was about noon local time when fans gathered at sports bars throughout the nation's capital

and at the city hall in Suzuki's hometown in Aichi prefecture to watch the game played Friday night in Seattle.

"I would like to give him my heartfelt congratulations," Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said. "He has made extra efforts in addition to having a natural gift."

Suzuki has long been admired in Japan for qualities many in the country consider to be quintessentially Japanese — a scrappy, hard worker who beats out infield hits,

does his duty without complaint or fuss, and displays excellence in all areas of the game.

With the merger of Suzuki's former team — the Orix Blue Wave — and a subsequent play-off to every last at-bat for years, it's been a gloomy baseball season in Japan.

Japan finished a disappointing third in baseball at the Olympics with a team of stars from the professional leagues who were supposed to bring home the gold. In March, legendary former player

and manager Shigeo Nagashima suffered a stroke that prevented him from going to Athens.

But Suzuki's assault on Sisler's record, which has been followed down to every last at-bat for the past month, has given Japanese baseball fans something to feel good about.

"There has been a lot of bad news in the baseball world this year," office worker Yayoi Sugaya said. "Ichiro has given us a reason to be happy and proudly and is living proof that hard work pays off."

During the recount of the 2000 Election in Florida, a lawyer wrote a memorandum explaining how to use legal technicalities to disqualify the Absentee Ballot Votes of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Guardsmen serving overseas.

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Ichiro: Seattle's 259-hit wonder

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"My father would have been delighted," Drocchelman said. "He would be so happy to know such a fine young man was doing so well."

The fans were in their feet when Suzuki left for substitute Hiram Bouchieas with two outs in the ninth. Melvin made the move to let Suzuki get one more ovation, and the right fielder jogged in to cheers.

"I just hope people realize the monumental effort it took to surpass this record, which has stood so long," Molitor said.

Seattle's Ron Villone (8-6) allowed two runs in five innings to earn his second victory as a starter this season. He gave up Mark Teixeira's two-run homer in the first but otherwise pitched well.

Texas added an unearned run

in the eighth, but it wasn't enough to offset Seattle's 18 hits — 17 of them singles. Bret Boone had three hits and two RBIs.

After Suzuki's 258th hit, he scored his 100th run of the season when the Mariners batted around in the third, taking a 6-2 lead on six hits. Suzuki batted twice, hitting a long fly that Laynce Nix caught on the run for the third out.

There was a scary moment for Suzuki in the top of the third. The Gold Glove right fielder chased a foul ball by Ken Huckabay that landed in the stands and carelessly hopped up on the low, padded fence — but then lost his balance.

Suzuki fell awkwardly and came down straddling the fence, but was OK.

"Even if I broke a bone today, I was going to get up and play," Suzuki said.

One down, two to go

Giants top L.A. to keep NL West hopes alive and forge tie with Houston in wild-card race

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers' offense has sputtered recently. As a result, they're still trying to make the playoffs with two games remaining. Kirk Ruetter pitched seven innings and the Dodgers Friday night, preventing Los Angeles from clinching its first NL West title since 1995.

"Everyone is real anxious to win the game and celebrate and get it over," said Shawn Green, who went 1-for-4 with a strikeout. "We just need to relax and go out and play our game. Early on, we were up there trying to do too much."

The Giants remained tied with Houston, a 4-2 winner over Colorado, in the wild-card race. "There's no time to savor this one," San Francisco manager Felipe Alou said. "The biggest game of the season is tomorrow and the second-biggest one is Sunday."

The Giants seemingly hold an edge in the weekend pitching matchups. The Dodgers will send Elmer Dessens (2-6) against Brett Tomko (11-7) on Saturday and likely Kazuhisa Ishii (13-7) against Jason Schmidt (17-7) in the series finale Sunday.

"Hopefully by winning tomorrow we could make Sunday meaningless for us," Green said in the Dodgers' deathly quiet clubhouse. "We battled all year. We're not going to stop now."

J.T. Snow homered and former Dodgers Marquis Grissom doubled home two runs for the Giants, who need a sweep of the three-game

series to either force a one-game playoff or win the division based on a 10-9 season record against the Dodgers, depending on how Houston fares.

"We're still trying to win the division. You can't think second place," Grissom said. "If you've still got a chance to win the division, you have to fight for it. And that's what we're doing."

Grissom doubled to the right-field wall with two outs in the second off Jeff Weaver (13-13), giving the Giants a 2-0 lead.

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Michael Tucker singled to right in the seventh, scoring Ray Durham, who doubled with two outs, to increase San Francisco's lead to 3-1.

Ruetter (9-12) gave up homers to Olmedo Saenz in the fifth and Steve Finley in the seventh, but allowed just one other hit, struck out one and walked one in seven innings to beat the Dodgers for the first time in four games this season.

"I'm not going to overpower people, so I don't get amped up and overthrown," he said. "I've thrown enough games to know that I have to pitch my game to be successful and I've been able to do that. I've thrown my big game on a game in spring training. I have to keep the ball down and mix up my pitches."

The heart of the Dodgers' lineup struggled against Ruetter. Finley was 1-for-4 and Adrian Beltre was hitless in four at-bats.

"We pitched well enough to win, but offensively we didn't do enough to win," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "That's something that's been going on the last few days. We didn't mount any run-producing situations."

Dustin Hermanson got three outs for his 17th save.



Barry Bonds yells instructions to a teammate during the San Francisco Giants' 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday night.

Weaver gave up three runs on six hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked four.

Barry Bonds went 0-for-1 with three walks, including two intentional, giving him 228 this season.

"Next year we have to find a way to stop that or at least cut them in half," Alou said.

"Even Barry says, 'They don't let me play,'" Snow homered off Mike Yeanfro with one out in the eighth for a 4-2 lead, disappointing a sellout crowd of 54,888 that hoped to celebrate a division.

"We have confidence every time we step on the field," Snow said.

The Dodgers' last playoff appearance was 1996, when they won the NL wild card but were swept by Atlanta in the first round. In '95, they lost to Cincinnati in the first round in their only other postseason appearance since winning the 1988 World Series.

U. of. team to get all game cash

BY CANDACE SMITH
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WASHINGTON — The group that buys the Major League Baseball's World Series game cash will get to keep all concession, advertising and parking money generated from baseball games in the 41,000-seat ballpark that Washington plans to build, along with revenue from the sale of naming rights.

Documents outlining Washington's \$435.2 million agreement with the Expos were made public Friday, two days after the signing.

The city agreed to build the ballpark for \$300.7 million and spend \$65 million to acquire the land along the Anacostia River in the southeast section. In addition, Washington will spend \$16.5 million to construct a minimum 1,100 parking spaces, \$13 million to refurbish RFK Stadium and \$40 million to finance the project.

City Council chairman Linda Cropp introduced legislation Friday to have the District of Columbia issue up to \$500 million in bonds to fund the project.

Councilman Adrian Fenty sent a letter Friday to the District of Columbia Auditor, requesting an independent cost and budget analysis of the stadium. It also asks for a review of the financing plan for renovation of RFK Stadium, where the team would play its first three seasons.

Fenty plans to introduce competing legislation that would require the team to play at RFK permanently. The Washington Post reported.

"The notion that this is going to cost \$440 million when this is all finished is laughable. This will cost at least \$600 million by inflation and cost overruns that normally are associated with big projects like this," he predicted.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams said such criticism is just "talk." "We have a very conservative construction expert to do an analysis. We added to that, and then we put a contingency reserve on top of that," Williams said Friday. Williams says rent on the stadium, and taxes on certain businesses and on stadium tickets and merchandise would cover debt service on the 30-year bonds.

The mayor also contends that development around a new stadium will create jobs and improve facilities in the rundown neighborhood. Fenty wants the auditor to check out the claim, and he points to Yankee Stadium in New York as an example of neighborhood hopes lost.

"That stadium thrives. People come to the baseball games, then they go right home and they never invest any money in the Bronx," Fenty said. "It sits right there as a relic of a very rough neighborhood."

Fenty also wants a comparison of other cities.

It is not the role of the D.C. Auditor to look at legislation. It is the job of the City Council, Williams said in a statement.

Cubs' playoff bid ends against Braves

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A season that started with such high hopes wound up with the Chicago Cubs being eliminated from playoff contention after their fifth straight loss, 8-6 to the Atlanta Braves on Saturday.

"The Cubs led the NL wild-card race 1½ games before collapsing to drop seven of eight. The slide began a week ago when they blew a 3-0 lead in the ninth with two outs and eventually lost to the New York Mets 4-3 in 11 innings."

Chicago began Saturday two games behind Houston and San Francisco, knowing it had to win and get plenty of help.

Moises Alou, Aramis Ramirez and Sammy Sosa homered for the Cubs, but Carlos Zambrano couldn't hold a 6-2 lead and boos poured out from Wrigley Field after Atlanta rallied.

Zambrano tossed his cap into the stands after being pulled in the third inning. J.D. Drew hit a two-run triple in the eighth to put Atlanta ahead for keeps.

The Braves traded 6-5 when Julio Franco had a pinch-hit sin-

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gle to open the eighth and Marcus Giles blooped a single to right. Mike Remlinger relieved Kyle Farnsworth (4-5) and Drew retired to right-center field. Wilson Betemit made it 8-6 with a sacrifice fly.

Kevin Grysby (3-2) pitched a scoreless seventh and John Smoltz got his 44th save with 1½ innings of relief.

The Cubs put a runner on base in the ninth, but Smoltz struck out Nomar Garciaparra and Alou to end it.

Zambrano got his second single of the game to lead off the fifth off Travis Smith. After a walk to Garciaparra, Alou hit a fly ball to left that just cleared the wall for his 38th homer and a 5-2 lead. Ramirez then followed with his 36th to put the Cubs up four.

The Braves scored three two-out runs in the sixth and drove out Zambrano, who gave up nine hits and five runs in 5½ innings.

Sosa moved into seventh on the career homer list with his 574th — his 35th of the season — leading off the bottom of the fourth.

Pirates 3, Reds 1: Jason Kendall had three hits and Jose Castillo homered, the 235th off the besuicered Cincinnati pitching staff. The emotional highlight came in the eighth, when Barry Larkin got a standing ovation from the home crowd for a pinch-hit single. The 40-year-old shortstop is in his 19th and possibly final season with the Reds.

In Friday's NL games: **Astros 4, Rockies 2:** Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run homer and the Astros stole a tie with San Francisco atop the NL wild-card standings.

The Astros moved two games ahead of the Chicago Cubs and finished San Diego's wild-card bid.

Padres 3, Diamondbacks 2: The visiting Padres found out between the second and third innings that they were eliminated from contention. Pitcher-hitter Miguel Ojeda hit a two-run homer in the seventh for the Padres, who were knocked out of the playoff race when Houston

beat Colorado. Jake Peavy (15-6) struck out 11 in six innings and lowered his ERA to 2.27, best in the majors.

Phillies 6, Marlins 2: Jimmy Rollins and Placido Polanco homered, Cory Lidle (12-12) pitched six innings and host Philadelphia clinched second in the NL East.

Expos 4, Mets 2: Terrell Sledge hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth inning and visiting Montreal began its final series before the franchise moves to Washington.

Sledge and Brian Schneider drove in two runs for the Expos, who snapped a five-game losing streak.

Cardinals 4, Brewers 1: Rick Ankiel (1-0) beamed Dave Kryzel with a hanging curveball, but won his first game in 3½ years with a four-inning relief stint as the host Cardinals ended a season-high four-game losing streak.

Reds 5, Pirates 1: At Cincinnati, Barry Larkin homered and got a curtain call in perhaps one of his last games in a Reds uniform. Adam Dunn hit his 46th homer, the fourth-highest total in Reds history.

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Seattle's hit-man on target

Ichiro Suzuki breaks record with 258th hit

BY TIM KORTE
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SEATTLE — Ichiro Suzuki called it the highlight of his career, the most emotional he has ever been.

Suzuki set the major league record for hits in a season, breaking George Sisler's 84-year-old mark with a pair of early singles in the Seattle Mariners' 8-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

"It was a big relief," the Japanese star said through an interpreter. "I felt like something got off my shoulders. To see the

fans and to see my teammates, it was just a very exciting time for me. It was a very special moment — definitely the highlight of my career."

Suzuki is known for his clinical approach, a methodical hitter who follows the same routine before games and fans the same way every time he steps into the batter's box.

During a yoga-like squat to loosen up on deck, he wiggles his shoulders. Then he steps to the plate with a deep breath, holds the bat at arm's length and tugs on his right sleeve with his left hand.

Crack! There's often a hit right after that.

"He's definitely one of the most exciting players I've ever been around," said Seattle hitting coach Paul Molitor, who joined the Hall of Fame this summer.

This season, there have been 259 hits for Suzuki, so far, two more than Sisler had for the St. Louis Browns over a 154-game schedule played in 1920. Suzuki did it in his 160th game in 2004.

"It's not over yet," Suzuki said. "We still have two more games."



Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki hits a single, his 258th hit of the season, in the third inning off of Texas Rangers pitcher Ryan Drese in Seattle on Friday. The hit broke George Sisler's 84-year-old record. Also shown are umpire Joe West and Rangers catcher Ken Huckaby.

The record-breaking single was a bouncer up the middle in the third. Suzuki slapped the pitch from Rangers starter Ryan Drese (14-10) just beyond the range of shortstop Michael Young.

Fireworks exploded after Suzuki's big hit reached the outfield, creating a haze over Safeco Field, and his teammates mobbed him at first base.

"Goose bumps aren't even the right word," Seattle manager Bob Melvin said.

"That second hit almost brought tears to my eyes... If you're talking about sending a guy up for a hit, this guy is the best ever."

Suzuki chopped a leadoff single in the first inning to tie the Sisler's mark, then put himself in the record book. Suzuki added another hit in the sixth, giving him 259 this season and a major league-leading .373 average.

There was a five-minute break when Suzuki made history.

"That's the most emotional I've gotten in my life," he said.

With fans still cheering the record, Suzuki ran to the first-base seats, bowed respectfully and shook hands with Sisler's 81-year-old daughter, Frances Sisler Dorchelmann, and other members of the Hall of Famer's family.

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